



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

WSRC News & Events

Our monthly news and events update for Autumn 2021

WHAT A BUSY SUMMER ...

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was certainly a busy Summer! In July we had a qualifier every weekend! Thank you to all our members who took part in teams or volunteered at qualifying events over the past few months – we cannot even exist without you so the Committee would like to convey our sincere thanks to you all.

This Summer we qualified for the L&SE Combined Training, Dressage, Horse Trials and Show jumping – suddenly we have a club of keen jumpers with huge team spirit which has been a joy to experience. We also qualified, for the first time in years, for the BRC Nationals at Lincoln – both the 70cm and the 90 cm team came 1st at the Elstead qualifier and the 90 team did an arduous journey 'up north' to the event. A challenging course met them with some valiant individual contributions and reports suggest they had a great time – massive thanks to Lynn Roberts, Giselle Stent, Sophie Plowright and Pili Spiers for representing us and making the trip – let's hope it's the start of many more!

Instruction is back up and running in the hands of Louise Hollington after the arrival of baby Albi – thank God as I really wasn't very good at it 😊 – and she most definitely is! This Autumn we welcome Ali Cookson back from her summer holidays with dates in September and October and more to come from Sarah Jane Hornsby and Catriona Moorwood. After a massively successful day camp at Munstead we also plan to run some show jumping training this autumn so watch this space. On the subject of camp – personally I think it was the best one yet!! There are some wonderful photos and memories on Facebook from you all but particularly Chris who took photos all day. We filled all places and everyone seemed delighted to be out and about. We ran a survey following the event and 100% of attendees rated the day as 'excellent' – feedback and suggestions for improvements are welcomed and the committee will take them on board to make 2022 even bigger and better. Massive thanks on behalf of the committee, and me personally, to Jenny Tully who pulled camp 2021 together, and secured our area training grant for the event. Jenny and I have decided that, due to our possible relocations in the coming years, 2022 will be our last 'tag team' effort on organizing camp so if anyone wants to come forward to organize this, please let us know as we can set up shadowing us next year.

Finally thank you to the committee and members who helped us to run Merrist Wood Area 11 dressage friendly last month. Entries were down – unsurprisingly due to it being a bank holiday but we had to make this happen this year having already carried the credit for two years due to Covid. We will revert to Good Friday in 2022 – deposit is paid and we will pray that Covid doesn't scupper it again for us a third year running.

We didn't run our annual Summer Show this year due to two reasons – the great British weather played havoc once again for our farmers meaning that our hosts at Whitley Manor had to concentrate on harvesting and protecting the land for the Winter – which we hugely respect and recognize is a UK wide issue for the Farming community this year. The other reason is there was a lot on – including our own dressage show this summer – I don't know about you guys but there were some weekends I had the choice of 2 or 3 things to do with Romeo so everyone was out and about at something!

I know I said this at the last newsletter but if you have any suggestions for instruction, events (ridden or social), the website or FB pages please do not hesitate to email us on westsurreyrc@gmail.com – You are the people we run this club for so your input on the way we run things is so important to us.

I have my fingers securely crossed that as we move into the Winter we are allowed to continue as we are, socializing, training and competing to ensure that the remainder of 2021 is a good one!

Julie

Julie Johnson

Chairman WSRC

Dressage

The prelim team of Sara Tack, Jenny Tully, Rachel Hall and Judith Dunne qualified for the L&SE championships by coming 5th at the Patchesham area qualifier in July. They are busy in training and will compete again at the champs on 10 October.

The Merrist Wood show had 94 competitors and 11 Area teams this year. Numbers were down on previous years but as we had secured sponsorship for classes and our fellow Area clubs submitted multiple teams we managed to make a little bit of profit. Running this show is a stark reminder that we do need a lot of volunteers to make it a success and we will be reminding members of this heavily at membership renewal for 2022. Congratulations to Elstead who just one the friendly on collectives over Newlands Corner. Thank you to everyone who took part in teams and to Vikki Chuter for taking on my role as Dressage Team Manager.

Members Dressage

From June to August members have had the opportunity to qualify for WSRC summer championships which was held on 12th September at Kilnhanger courtesy of Lynn Roberts.

We had a fantastic turn out on the day the sun was shining and all horses performed extremely well with most scoring in the high 60's.

Congratulations to all who took part, winners were Sara Tack and Tommy class 1. Judith Dunne and Monty's Fortune class 2 and 3.

The winter series will be starting on 31st October and will be held indoors at Cassis farm, RDA Centre Cranleigh. Entries will be opening shortly. Future qualifying dates are 24th November and 19th December – Venues to be confirmed. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mini XC

On the 1st August we ventured to chase farm for mini cross country schooling. Feedback from the day was extremely positive all riders achieved so much as personal goals were fulfilled from linking fences to tackling the water jump everyone left with a smile and a huge confidence boost

National Show Jump Qualifier @ Elstead

We had another fabulous result for WSRC at the National Show jumping Qualifier at Elstead Club field. Both our WSRC 70cm and 90cm SJ team came first and our individual 1.10m show jumper came 2nd!

It was a very hot day, but in true WSRC spirit our teams supported and encouraged one another and helped each other to succeed. The preparation for this event was not without drama, last minute 2 of our 70cm team had to stand down due to transport issues so Charlotte and Victoria kindly stepped in with one day's notice to allow our team to compete. Our 70cm team of Sam, Megan, Charlotte and Victoria placed in 1st place, finishing collectively as a team on a score of 0 in round 1 and 2 and the jump off on 8 which is a fabulous result, also qualifying for the final National showjumping championship. Individually Victoria placed 3rd and Charlotte placed 6th. A huge congratulations to the whole team we are so proud of you and so grateful for the last-minute team members and all the helpers and support you brought with you.

Our 90cm team were up next and Julie and Britta kindly stepping in to manage and organise the team in the afternoon. Last minute one of our riders had transport issues and our very own WSRC member Sylvia came to her rescue just hours before the event transporting her to and from the event so that she could compete for WSRC. This just shows how wonderfully generous and supportive our members are.

The 90cm team of Nikki, Sophie and Giselle jumped beautifully over the big course. With Nikki White placing 2nd individually, Giselle Stent 3rd individually and Sophie Plowright 5th. What a team! The team originally included Pili, who sadly had to withdraw on the day due to an injury, however she was fortunately fit and well again to represent WSRC at the championship.

Huge well down to our lovely Louise Hambleton who came 2nd in the 110cm individual class representing WSRC. She rode two fabulous rounds and jumped show jumps that were huge!

We are so grateful to all our members who got involved and would not have been possible without Sylvia Laney coming to the rescue and transporting a horse, Judith Dunne doing a fabulous job stewarding as our volunteer and to Julie Johnson and Britta Stent who were running around after everyone in the heat and making sure it all ran smoothly and thank you to Britta and Victoria's daughter for some beautiful photographs. Thank you to Tanya for all the background organising and paperwork etc. What a fabulous result for everyone! It was definitely WSRC's day!



Photographs of WSRC 90cm team members Giselle and Sophie jumping in the National Qualifier.

National Show Jumping Championships - Lincoln

After our 90cm show jumping team qualified at Elstead for the NAF 5 star championships, we decided to send the team to Lincoln for the championships on 4th September. A very exciting opportunity for the club to compete against some of the best teams in the country. Our team consisted of Pili, Giselle and Sophie. Unfortunately, due to a horse injury we sent a team of 3 instead of 4, so this put the team under pressure knowing that all of their scores would count for the final result; but they all got around safely and had a fabulous time including some clear rounds. Overall, there was just a few poles down which is a good result. It was a great opportunity for them to complete in a prestigious riding club event and we are glad that we got to have the WSRC flag flown for us.



Photographs of Pili and Sonny jumping for WSRC at the National SJ Championship

London and South East CT & Show Jumping Qualifier

We had two teams compete at the London & South East qualifier on 31st July, a 70cm combined training team and a 80/85cm show jumping team. It was a lovely warm morning and WSRC members were out in force supporting each other. The CT team of Tina, Susan, Emily and Tanya came 4th with individual rosettes also going to Susan, Tina and Tanya. For the Show jumping the weather decided to turn and it was very wet causing some testing conditions as it was all on grass, however despite this the team of Lindsey, Charlotte, Sam & Megan came a brilliant 3rd place. We will be seeing the show jumping team along with dressage and horse trials teams at the London & South East championship held at Rackham on 10th October.



Photographs of the WSRC 70cm CT team and a photograph of Sam and Tally in the 80cm SJ Team jumping clear.

London and South East Horse Trials Qualifier and National Horse Trials Qualifier

We had two WSRC teams compete for us in the Horse Trial BRC Qualifier at Iping. We entered an 80cm team competing in the London and South East Qualifier and a 90cm team competing in the National Qualifier. Horse Trials take a lot of planning and preparation and a lot of commitment from those involved in the team, training and our volunteers managing and helping out on the day. We are so proud to have been able to send two teams along to compete in dressage, show jumping and cross country. We sent both teams out for training at Iping prior to the day which proved very beneficial. We always like to try to offer team training in preparation for an event.

Our 90cm team were up first with an early start. All four of our riders Nikki, Pili, Giselle and Sophie produced great dressage tests and put themselves into a great place going through to the show jumping. The show jumping went well with 2 riders going clear and as a team of 4 going through with a total of 8 faults between them, all jumping within the correct given time. The cross country stage was more testing than originally thought, even though our riders and horses had all prepared and practiced on the day for some horses the jumps can become scary. Pili and Sophie rode 2 fabulous clear rounds on the XC course. Nikki's horse got very excited and extremely fast charging straight past one jump, but quickly turned back to complete it clearing the course beautifully. We finished the day on a

respectable 5th place as a team and individually Sophie and Carrick did a fabulous job placing 5th individually for WSRC. Well done ladies and thank you for representing us.

Our 80cm team was up next, this was a team of Kimberley, Giselle, Susan and Sophie. Again, the team worked well on preparing for the day, visiting the venue beforehand and polishing up on their dressage. The whole team did well in the dressage with Kimberley completing a fabulous dressage test on her mare scoring the best dressage test in her class at 28.5! Show jumping was up next with Giselle doing a lovely clear and the team finishing overall with a few knocks. The XC stage was fabulous and the best moment of the day seeing all our riders come through the finish line with massive grins on their faces at speed all going clear on a huge course for an 80cm class! This was a fabulous team and they all qualified to go to London and South East Horse Trials Championship in October. A huge well done ladies, we are extremely proud of all of you! Good luck to you for finals!

None of this is possible without our fabulous helpers and volunteers. Chris for spending the whole day at Iping taking incredible photographs, Cathy with her area 11 hat on helping to run the event, Nicki, Charlotte, Annette and Sue for being our jump judge and steward volunteers, Julie, Britta, Lynn and all the friends and family that accompanied our riders and encouraged and cheered on our teams and to my two little boys Matthew and Teddy being so good coping with spending the whole day at the horse trials whilst their Mummy was being team manager!



Photographs of the WSRC 80cm HT team members Kimberley and Giselle jumping clear in the XC.

Upcoming Dates and instruction

Flatwork clinics with Ali Cookson.

Wednesday 22nd September, Tuesday 5th October and Wednesday 3rd November.

East Whitley Farm. East Whitley Lane. Guildford. GU5 0TE

30 minute sessions running back to back. Times maybe adjusted in order for sessions to run consultatively from 9 am

Parking at venue Cost: £35 per rider per session

Clinic Details: The flatwork session will be tailored to you and your horse's level, and will provide a series of useful exercises for you to practice at home.

Polework clinic with Sarah-Jane Hornsby at RDA Centre Cass Farm Cranleigh Sunday 26th September

Class 1 1030-11.30 poles on ground

Class 2 11.30-12.30 raised poles

£20 per rider . Max 4 per class

Please book on MRL via either the WSRC Facebook page or Website. Bookings will be open until 48 hours before clinic.

<http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/clinics--training.html>

Any questions please contact Louise on lhollington@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to seeing some of you there!

Treasure Hunt – we will be running another Treasure Hunt late Oct/early Nov from the Roman Temple Carpark, Farley Green. Ridden, in hand or led. Approx 1 hour (shorter route for led/in hand) run ride around Blackheath /Farley Heath looking for “treasure”. £5 per rider . Lovely rosettes!

Date to be confirmed

Arena Eventing qualifier

Saturday 2 October 2021

Wellington Riding Centre (organiser: Area 6)

Novice Winter Senior & Junior Individual Intro Dressage qualifiers

Saturday 13 November 2021

Priory Equestrian Centre, Frensham (organiser: Elstead)

Novice Winter Senior & Junior Novice (Prelim & Novice) Dressage qualifiers

Saturday 4 December 2021

Sands Farm, Warnham (organiser: Newlands Corner)

Intermediate Winter Senior & Junior Dressage qualifiers

Saturday 19 March 2022

Sands Farm, Warnham (organiser: Newlands Corner)

For further details on Area 11 events and dates please go to

<http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/Area11/whats-on/>

WSRC Points table 2021.

At last! We've been able to enter and run enough events this year to make it worth reinstating the Club points league.

So here's how it works:

Points are awarded to any horse / rider combination who have entered Club competitions (such as the dressage series), or represented Club at qualifiers (as team members or individuals). Those representing Club un-mounted (for example, at the Area Quiz) also receive points.

The number of points awarded is:

6 points for a 1st place, 5 points for 2nd. and so on down to 1 point for 6th.

Trophies to be won are:

The Club Points Shield – for the Senior member with the most points at the end of the year,

The Reserve Points award – for the runner-up.

The Tom Trophy – for the Senior over 59 years of age with the most points over the year.

The Junior Points Trophy – for the Junior with the most points over the year.

These are presented at the Club AGM.

However, please note **trophies will only be given to those who have also helped with at least one Club event during the year** (a condition of Club membership). So, if the member leading on points has not helped, the relevant trophy will be awarded to the next eligible member down the points list.

Currently, Kimberley Smith is in the lead, but that can all change... 😊

ABOUT WEST SURREY RIDING CLUB

West Surrey Riding Club (affiliated to the British Riding Club) is a small friendly club based in Area 11 in the Surrey Hills conservation area between Guildford and Cranleigh. Our primary objective as a club is to help and encourage our members in all aspects of horsey life –The emphasis we try to maintain in the club is to make owning and training your horse as enjoyable and sociable as possible while still being informative and safe. We know that the majority of our riders are keen to improve their skills and do the very best for their horses, so all the events we organise are aimed to promote these things.

All committee members details and other information please visit www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk

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