



*West Surrey Riding Club*

*BHS affiliated Riding Club*

## WSRC News & Events

Our monthly news and events update for Summer 2022

### SUMMER IS HERE!

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#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Summer has arrived! I think that some of us horse owners over a 'certain age' will probably agree that we just had one of the longest Winter's ever! It felt like it went on and on but here we are – we made it!

The last few months have been busy – the club ran the first ever Challenge Qualifier at Munstead for all 4 Areas with over 200 competitors on the day and a format that not many people even seemed to understand - it was indeed a challenge! Nonetheless, all the teams from all the Areas that qualified went off to the Champs and seemed to do well so obviously our Qualifier did its job and meant the right teams went! As if that wasn't enough we ran the annual Good Friday dressage 5 days later and had a more relaxing and fun day – with West Surrey winning the Teams competition. It always feels a lot more satisfying organising something when you also win it! Well done to Vicki Chuter who was stand in Dressage Team Manager for doing such an awesome job and bringing the trophy home – you will definitely see more of her in that job role now!

There is no rest for the wicked though! We have planned a bumper summer including more instruction, clear round, have a go competitions and summer camp. Please see the rest of the newsletter for news on these events and keep an eye on your email and Facebook. We have also made the decision to follow some of our fellow A11 clubs and set up a separate 'members only' Facebook page. If you are on our members list you will automatically be invited to join the page over the next few weeks (if you haven't been already). This new page will be for you only and will incorporate all Club news and discussion, Teams news and instruction that is open to members only. We are one of the smallest clubs in the Area and up until this year have never felt the need to separate us from the General Public but due to the number of open events we now run we have made the decision to set up something dedicated just for you guys – you have always been, and will remain our highest priority and we believe that a more focused 'no noise' page will be beneficial to us all.

We will continue to communicate by email with you and as always please do continue to share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions with the committee via the new page or to our general email address. This is your club and we don't always get it right, or can cater for everyone, so please do keep sharing with us and help us deliver the best club we can.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the summer months – whether that's at a friendly event, social event, instruction or as a Team the committee wishes you all a happy pony filled successful few months!

Julie Johnson

### **Chair – West Surrey RC**

**THANK YOU** for your support, whether it was volunteering, supplying equipment, organising people or tasks I cannot thank you enough for helping us run both the Challenge and the Good Friday dressage in April. Our current membership stands at around 70 - I always class us as 'small but mighty' but we managed to pull off two major Area events on the calendar in a short amount of time. I am massively grateful to everyone that was involved. Thank you for being part of this club and for more than contributing in recent weeks - I am very proud to be a part of this club with you and be surrounded by some generous, talented and super organised people.

Here's to a quieter Summer - which is filled with continued success and fun

## Past Events

### Good Friday Area Dressage Team Friendly

We hosted the 2nd A11 Dressage team friendly at Merrist wood alongside an Open Dressage competition on Good Friday. It was great to be back on at our regular Easter date having missed the last 2 years due to Covid. We had 17 area teams take part and three for WSRC.

The West Surrey Bunny Girls completely smashed it by winning the entire competition and coming first with a team score of 10. Huge congratulations to Victoria Roker who came 1st in P13 (out of 30 competitors!), Giselle Stent for coming 5th and Kimberley Smith for coming 4th in the team competition.

The WSRC Hot Cross Nuns, Izzy Roker, Giselle and Sylvia Laney got a combined score of 27 coming 8th and just missed off being placed and the WSRC Shellebrations team coming in 10th, Judith Dunne, Tina Spong and Karen Stone with 29 points.

Massive congratulations as well to Karen Stone for her individual 1st in Novice 27, Kimberley Smith for her individual 4th.

Highest placed WSRC members (Trophy winners) by Class:

Class 1 Paula Hynes Intro C 62.39%

Class 2 Victoria Roker P13 71.35%

Class 3 Giselle Stent P14 67.99%

Class 4 Karen Stone N27 72.5%

Class 5 n/a

Massive congratulations to everyone that took part – whether in a team or not. It is special to win our own competition.

## Members Dressage

Summer series dates -

8th May. Judge Petra Balazkova

5th June. Judge Kathrine Pain

3rd July. Judge Kathrine Pain

7th Aug (championships) Vicky Palmer

We are off a great start to the WSRC members only summer series attracting new members and returning members moving up in levels. Attendance was quite low at the start of the series so we decided to find out from you how we can cater for all our members. Your feed-back showed you would like a 'fun' class. We have now added a prix caprilli class which is proving to be very popular with members.

We will be continuing to hold members dressage at Casi's farm however we will be starting the day at 11.30am (from 3rd July)

We look forward to welcoming you all.

## Mini Cross Country 26<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> May

So far this year we have held two mini cross country schooling days at chase farm with Michelle Norris.

Mini cross country is a rewarding day out where we see both horses and riders gaining confidence from cross poles to cantering round the whole field tackling a verity of fences. We receive great feed-back from all members regarding Michelle's teaching.

We will be holding another mini cross country this year. (Date to be confirmed)

## Treasure Hunt

We held another highly successful Treasure Hunt on Sunday 22 May with a Platinum Jubilee theme. The sun shone all day and many riders and ponies were beautifully decorated in red , white and blue to go looking for corgis and crowns hidden around the heath!

We hope to run another Treasure hunt in the autumn – watch this space.

## Upcoming Area 11 Dates

**National Style & Show Jumping qualifiers**

**Sunday 26 June 2022**

Elstead RC field (organiser: ERC)

### **Dressage to Music (National & L&SE) qualifiers**

**Sunday 3 July 2022 Belmoredean (organiser: Area 13) – ENTER NOW**

AT: <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=376688>

### **Dressage (National & L&SE) & Riding Test (national only) qualifiers**

**Saturday 16 July 2022** [Nat LSE Dr LSE RT Qualifiers 16-07-22](#)

Pachesham (organiser: Chipstead)

### **L&SE Combined Training & Show Jumping qualifiers**

**Sunday 24 July 2022**

Bookham RC field (organiser: Bookham RC)

### **London & South East Championships 2022**

L&SE Horse Trials, Show Jumping, Dressage & Combined Training Championships

Sunday 25 September 2022 [LSE rules 2022](#)

Heath Farm, Munstead (organiser Area 11)

L&SE Dressage to Music Championships 2022

Saturday 22 October 2022 at Sands Farm, Warnham (organiser Area 13) [L&SE DTM Rules 2022](#)

## **Upcoming WSRC Events and instruction**

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	WSRC Members only Jubilee Dressage at Casis Farm, Cranleigh
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Show jumping with Sarah Williams at Westland Farm, Shamley Green
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	WSRC Members only assisted Clear Round at Westland Farm, Shamley Green
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	WSRC Members only Flatwork MoT with Sarah-Jane Hornsby
Sunday 3 July	Members Dressage at Casis's Farm
Thursday 7 July	WSRC Members only assisted Clear Round at Westland Farm, Shamley Green
Sunday 31 July	WSRC Members only Combined Training Competition Fun at Westland Farm, Shamley Green
Sunday 7 August	Members Only Dressage Championship at Casis' Farm
Sunday 14 August	WSRC Members only Day Camp at Munstead Heath Farm, Godalming
Sunday 21 August	WSRC Open Showing Show, Cranleigh Show Ground (TBC)

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## 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](http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk)