



MEON RIDING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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DRESSAGE RESULTS

Crofton now has a huge new outdoor school, which we were able to use for the first time as a warm-up arena. It was not guaranteed to be in place in time to use for the actual competition, so all the tests had to be ridden in the indoor school, which made for a very long day for the officials, and lengthy waiting times for competitors. Next time we hope to do it the other way round, so two tests can be judged at the same time. All classes were well-supported, and at least one judge complimented us on the high standard of competition. The rosettes went to the following:

Class 1A

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| 1. Karen Denton | Winston |
| 2. Holly Hickmore | Stanley |
| 3. Brenda Wren | Harry |

Class 1B

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| 1=Chrissy Jones
and Katy Mew | Leyeswick Tricksies Last
Otty |
| 3= Aimee Barnard
and Claire Harwood | Maverick
Lennox |

Class 2A

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| 1. Helen Denton | Silver Samurai |
| 2. Aimee Barnard | Maverick |
| 3. Emma Bowley | Tom |

Class 2B

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| 1. Jane McGibbon | Samphire |
| 2. Oonagh McGibbon | Hayward Mac |
| 3. Sarah Pook | Balfours Boy |

Class 3

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| 1. Barbara Wood | Simply Seamus |
| 2. Sarah Pook | Balfours Boy |
| 3. Louise Hargreaves | Razzmataz |

Class 4

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| 1. Barbara Wood | Simply Seamus |
| 2. Rose Seagrave | Irco Frazer |
| 3. Helen Vernon | Monaco |

Our thanks to all those who helped make this a successful day. I have been particularly asked to mention Dick King, who, as Secretary, was first to arrive and last to leave, Ewart Wood, for his help with scoring, Andrea Bishop for organising the judges and helping with stewarding, Janet Irving who put in a long stint at the door, and Ony Rogers who voluntarily picked-up mountains of poo in the warm-up arena and car park. Helpers were a bit thinly spread over this lengthy competition, so we are grateful to all members who lent a hand in between their classes, even if we are unable to acknowledge you all individually.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL SHOW, 18 MAY, THORNEY ISLAND

Entries are a bit slow coming in at the moment, so make sure you have sent yours off, and remind your friends to do so too. You can enter on the day, but it saves time and money to do so in advance, as well as making it easier for the Secretary on the day. Fiona Emery has put a lot of effort into organising this year's show on this new site, and we need all members to get behind her and support her. Its difficult to keep shows like this running, and several local ones have already disappeared - if you want ours to keep going then its vital you act to ensure it is successful. If you are not entering, then we still need more helpers so if you can spare a few hours please email HV(at)commodity.eu.com or ring 07801 425625. The weather is looking good, so all we need is lots of people to come along and enjoy this day.

NON-RESIDENTIAL CAMP, 20-22 MAY, LOWER PEAKE

We have spaces for two more riders for this activity. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Barbara Wood, tel: 01489 877398 or email: barbara(at)ashlands.me.uk

AREA 17 DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER, 26 MAY, SPARSHOLT COLLEGE

We are delighted to have representatives in all the Dressage to Music Qualifying classes this year. Let's hope their preparation goes well, and they give the performances of their lives on the day. There are a number of other classes on the schedule for this day. Schedules are available on www.hrrc.org.uk, or from Jackie Sutherland, 40, Abbey Rd., Medstead, Alton, GU34 5PB.

CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING, 24 MAY, TWESELDOWN

This is the last of the Spring series of cross-country training days. Tweseldown is a sandy undulating course, with fences from 2'3" to 3'11". The instructor is Cheryl Besants. If you would like to go, and have not already booked, please contact Helen Vernon, tel. 07801 425625; email: HV(at)commodity.eu.com.

OTHER TRAINING

The show jumping session at Lower Peake on 13 May is full, but spaces are available on the later dates shown on the training sheet sent out last month.

Rose Seagrave is available for individual dressage lessons, either at Ashlands on Saturday mornings or Monday afternoons, or at your own arena by arrangement. Tel: 07702 784933.

AREA 17 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER, 22 JUNE, HAMPSHIRE SHOWGROUND

We are short of competitors for our teams for this competition. If you want to be considered but have not completed the 2008 Team Competitions Selection Form, please do so right away. If you no longer have a copy it can be downloaded from the Club website. Preliminary entries have to be in by the end of the month, so we need numbers within the next fortnight. Remember we also need a photocopy of your 'flu vac. certificate.

SHOW JUMPING AND CROSS-COUNTRY, 6 JULY, FAIR OAK.

Your schedule for this is enclosed. If you have an entry form with the wrong date on it, please correct it. This error has been corrected in the latest edition. The success of this day depends very much on finding lots of willing fence judges. Please don't wait for us to contact you; if you are on our list you may get a message, but emails don't always get through, so if you don't hear from us it doesn't mean we don't want your help! The more fence judges we have, the better the cross-country course we can set, so please contact the Secretary (see masthead) if you can help, or can recruit friends or family.

AREA 17 HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER, 13 JULY, LARKHILL

Bourne Valley have now confirmed that they will be running an Open qualifying class on this day, as well as Novice and Intermediate. If you are interested in representing the Club at any level please contact Penny Briggs, tel: 01730 892297; email: woolmerlodge(at)yahoo.co.uk

AREA 17 TRAINING DAYS

Every year each Riding Club area receives a grant from the British Riding Clubs Office to run a training day, which is open free-of-charge to all BRC members in the Area. This year we have invited Adrian House to facilitate an evening on Show Jump Course Design and Building on Thursday 17 July at Braishfield Manor, starting 7.00p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Sharon Smith, 1, Kenilworth Gdns., West End
Mrs. Jenny Leyton, 29, Orchard Ave., Chichester
Mrs. Rachel Walker, Norgates Cottage, Hammonds Lane, Ropley
Miss Louisa Corbett, 30, Victoria Rd., Emsworth.

We are sorry to be losing Sam Cutler, who is taking the big step of emigrating to New Zealand with her family. Sam has been a member for many years, and has taken part in the full range of Club activities, including training, teams and judging. She has asked me to say goodbye and thank you to all her friends in the Club. There are Riding Clubs (and hunts?) in New Zealand, who I'm sure will welcome such a keen and useful member. Unfortunately she cannot take her horse with her, so is looking for a kind home for her 16.2h.h fleabitten grey mare, Sollie. Like her owner she is experienced in all R.C/P.C activities, but is 'not quite a novice ride' . She is now 22y.o but still enjoys small competitions, hacking and hunting, and is good for accompanying children riding out. She has melanoma, which needs monitoring. Many grey horses live with this condition for years without it causing problems. She is offered free to the right home, with tack, rugs etc. subject to negotiation. Tel:02392 378936

Our best wishes to Sam and her family in her new life. I'm sure we will have an exchange of information with her through the relatives she is leaving in Hampshire.

