



MEON RIDING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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BRC CHAMPIONSHIPS LINCOLN

I have not received a complete report from Lincoln, so if I have missed anyone out, my apologies! Three teams and one individual set off to the Championships on a lovely Autumn day. We lost one member of the Intermediate Show Jumping qualifer team, but Debbie Dean bravely volunteered to act as substitute with her new young horse, Chablis Z. They found it pretty difficult, but I'm sure will be back in future teams. The other team members:- Ony Rogers (Madison), Selina Garstin (Tipperary Tess) and Natalie Baker (Grankissimee) fared better, but not well enough to get into the rosettes. Our Style jumping and Riding Test teams were reduced to three members each when Jenny Naylor-Davis suffered an horrific accident on her way to Lincoln, when her lorry was hit by a snaking trailer in the adjacent lane. They were able to get to the showground, and initially Harmony Fox did not appear to be injured, but she was very lame next morning, and had to be brought straight back to the Equine hospital. I understand she has suffered considerable ligament/tendon damage, and recovery will take a long time. Our thoughts are with Jenny during this difficult period. The remaining members of the Style jumping team, Carol Alford (Beejay Two), Natalie Baker and Kirsty Bright (Holly Irresponsible) were unplaced, but the Riding Test team, Carol Alford, Barbara Wood and Kirsty Bright managed a creditable 10th. place against tough opposition. Carol Alford rode a superb test to finish 2nd. in her arena, and Sam Seagrave, riding as an individual in the Elementary Dressage took fourth place. Sam Seagrave has also been invited to compete in the BRC Dressage to Music Championships at Addington, and we wish her the best of luck.

HUNTER TRIAL RESULTS

Concerns over foot-and-mouth disease dogged the run-up to our Hunter Trials up to the last few days, but fortunately the suspect cases in Hampshire turned out to be false alarms, and we were able to go ahead, though with a smaller entry than usual. The day started cool and damp, but the sun soon appeared, and conditions were excellent for riders. The results of the Senior classes are:-

2'3" 1. Liz Skeats Hayward Mac
 2. Nicola Thomas Twiggy
 3* Phillippa Poore Snakemoor Carousel

(*denotes best MRC member)

2'6"-2'9"

 1. Lisa Smith Pinball Wizard
 2* Cait Horne Glauco
 3. Helen Denton Hi Jack

3'0"-3'3"

 1* Becky Sporne Moonshine V
 2. Heidi Reed Iago

3. Amelia Corbett Gandolf II
Our thanks to all the members and supporters who helped us put on this fun day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19 OCTOBER
WARNFORD VILLAGE HALL, 7 P.M.

Your agenda for this is included below. If you received one of the Club trophies last year please will you ensure it is returned, clean and engraved. We expect to have two or three vacancies on the Committee for next year, so nominations for election are needed. It has certainly taken a team effort from all the Committee to deliver our programme this year, and we expect next year to be equally busy, so will welcome all the help we can get.

The AGM doubles as an end-of-season celebration, so we hope all members and friends who have contributed to our events over the Summer will join us for a convivial evening. The Committee will be supplying finger food for a buffet supper, but would be pleased to receive nibbles or desserts to add to the feast. Coffee and tea will also be supplied, but if you prefer something stronger please feel free to bring a bottle; glasses will be available.

We have purchased the DVD of our winning team at the Horse Trials Championships, and hope to show this while we are eating.

Ewart Wood will be back by popular request with a brain-teaser to end the evening. Please try and make up teams of four, though I'm sure there will be odd bods around on the night to make up extra teams if your party isn't exactly divisible by four!

There will also be a cash draw on the night in aid of the ILPH Laminitis appeal, so please make sure you have a few pound coins ready.

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC, MEDSTEAD
3 NOVEMBER

Hampshire Rural R.C has kindly invited us to send a team to a friendly inter-Club Dressage to Music day they are putting on at Medstead. We need three riders who are ready and willing to do a Freestyle Novice test. If you would like to do this please let Barbara Wood know immediately (01489 877398; email:barbara @ashlands.me.uk)) as we need to get the entry in right away.

INDOOR SHOW JUMPING, CROFTON
11 NOVEMBER

Your schedule for this was sent out last month. Further copies can be downloaded from the Club website, so please make sure all your friends know about this competition. As it is taking place on Remembrance Sunday we will observe a two-minute silence at 11.00a.m. Volunteers to help with stewarding/arena party would be welcome.

AREA 17 WINTER LEAGUE 2007/8

The Winter League has moved back to Sparsholt this year. The Show Jumping dates will be Saturdays 17 November and 23 February. This year there will be a Winter Dressage Qualifier, which will be held in conjunction with the Winter League Dressage on Sunday 20 January 2008. The last leg will be Dressage on 13 April. The schedule/entry form for 17 November can be down-

loaded from the BRC Area 17 website: www.area17-brc.fsnet.co.uk We have a title to defend, so showjumpers we are relying on you to get us off to a flying start! Entries open 21 October, and close on 12 November.

TRAINING

The training sheet and booking form were sent out last month, and are also available on the Club website. At present there is one space vacant for the 4.00p.m show jumping session at Crofton on Mondays (2'6"+). The first course at Quob is fully-booked, and the second is filling up fast. Barbara Wood is also holding extra Dressage lessons with Rose Seagrave at Ashlands on Saturday mornings, and could probably fit in an extra one on Monday afternoons at Fort Widley. Even if you can't manage every date in a session please let Barbara know if you are interested, as occasional vacancies crop up fairly frequently, and she may be able to fit you in as a substitute for someone who is ill or injured.

DRESSAGE CLINIC

Alison Russell of the New Forest R.C. is organising a Dressage Clinic with Robert Pickles FBHS at Braishfield Manor on 12 January 2008. This will be subsidised by the profit from the Area 17 Dressage Qualifier. Robert will teach in groups of four, from Prelim. level upwards. Applications please to Barbara Wood (as above), giving name, contact details and level required. If this day is oversubscribed Alison will try to organise further dates, so even if you can't make this one it might be worth registering an interest.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WARNFORD VILLAGE HALL

Friday 19 October 2007

7.00p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2006 (see reverse)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Team Managers' reports
6. Treasurer's report, and recommendation of subscription rates for 2007/2008
7. Election of officers for 2007/2008
8. Presentations, including results of Merlin Performance Trophy, Hawthorns Achievement Award & Apollo Challenge.
9. Future Events
10. Any other notified business

Although we are obliged by our Constitution to hold a formal meeting for members only, guests and people who have helped us throughout the year are cordially invited to join us for a social after wards. We hope to finish the business part of the meeting by about 7.45p.m.

BUFFET

HORSE TRIALS DVD

QUIZ

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER 2007/2008

Nominations are invited from candidates willing to stand for election as officers for the Meon Riding Club for 2007/2008. Candidates must be proposed and seconded by members of the Club, and must be willing to serve for one year from 1st November 2007

NAME _____

PROPOSER _____

SECONDER _____

If elected I agree to serve on the Committee for one year from 1st November 2007 _____

Signed _____

Completed forms to be returned to Mrs. B. King, Wheelers Farm, Froxfield, Petersfield, GU32 1DR, to arrive not later than Wed. 17 October

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 26th October 2006.

The AGM of the Meon Riding Club was held at Warnford village hall on Thursday 26th October 2006. About 30 members were present. Barbara Wood took the chair, and declared the meeting open at 7.35pm.

Apologies for Absence were received from Rena Luton and Tina Atkinson.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 27th October 2005 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Jan Desty proposed they be adopted as a true record; seconded by Kate Barnes and duly passed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes. No matters were raised.

Chairman's Report. Barbara Wood reported another good year. Our Indoor Showjumping had been held on a Saturday, which was less popular than our usual Sunday. We had also hosted the Area Qualifier. The pre-season dinner at the Hurdles had been good fun, with 24 members attending. The Dressage Day at Crofton was well supported. The Annual Show at Mayhill was given a new format by Yvonne and Zoe Lortal, who put a lot of work into its planning and preparation. Unfortunately rain in late morning had ruined the afternoon classes.

This year the Pony Club did not wish to share the Fair Oak event, so it was run in conjunction with a BHS Cross Country Qualifier. Our joint Hunter Trial was run at Lower Peake, and was a happy event with nearly 90 riders.

Training programmes were going well, and she looked forward to another good year. She thanked Jan Desty, Rena Luton, Sue Austen and Kate Barnes who had organised the teams for area qualifiers. Our teams had qualified in all disciplines. She also thanked the Committee who had worked tirelessly, and with enthusiastic commitment to deliver the Club's programme.

Team Managers Reports. Kate Barnes reported on the show jumping qualifiers, and the Lincoln championships. Sue Austen reported on the Horse Trials qualifier and the Offchurch Bury Championship. Jan Desty reported on the Dressage Qualifiers.

Treasurer's Report. The accounts for the year ending 4th April 2006 were circulated. Sue Austen proposed they be accepted as a true record; seconded by Andrea Bishop and duly passed.

Janet Irving proposed that members who agreed to receive their newsletter by e-mail should receive a small discount; seconded by Jan Desty and duly passed. Dick King recommended that subscription rates for 2007 should be raised by £1, to £26, for members requiring postal newsletter, but remain at £25 for those using e-mail. Proposed by Yvonne Lortal; seconded by Andrea Bishop and duly passed. Dick still had three tickets available for Spanish Riding School trip.

Election of Officers for 2007. Zoe Lortal was not standing for re-election; Fiona Emery had been nominated. The other committee members and Fiona Emery would therefore returned.

Presentations. Andrea Bishop said it had been impossible to complete the Performance Points series this year, as no-one had managed to complete sufficient competitions. The committee would consider reviewing the format to make it more open.

The chairman presented the other trophies as follows:

Dressage: Barbara Wood.

Showjumping: Cathryn Row.

Cross-country: Jenny Naylor-Davies.

Veteran: Penny Briggs.

Future Events. The possibility of putting on a club open evening had been investigated, but the conditions for funding imposed by BRC were unacceptable.

Any Other Business. Jan Desty would like to hear of potential new sponsors.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm