

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2010



WINTER DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS HARTPURY 2010

The first BRC Championship for 2010 took place on 3rd & 4th April. RFRC was represented by a Senior Dressage Team, 2 team members completed an equivalent prelim level test and 2 completed a novice test.

The team achieved

5th place

Congratulations

See inside for details

RWHS 2ND ROUND RIDING TEST QUALIFIER MANOR FARM EC 2010

The second round Riding Test qualifier has now taken place and 1st & 2nd place RC members will go on to the Championship at the prestigious Royal Windsor Show 12th-16th May. There were a number of RFRC competitors and one of our junior members will be going to Windsor!

Jade Ransley & Jensen II

Well done Jade and Good Luck at the RWHS

See inside for details.....

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PLEASURE RIDE

Following the committee meeting in April, the decision has been taken to change the venue of this year's Pleasure Ride. The ride will still be taking place on the same date, and the revised venue will be confirmed in due course.

JUMP CROSS TRAINING

Clare Peterson attended Jump Cross training in April, organised by RFRC, and enjoyed herself so much that she kindly put together a report so that other members might consider attending Jump Cross training in the future.

“I am sure all of us who attended the Jump Cross training at Wittering would like to say a big thank you to Danielle Marcus for organising it.

Although we were a (very) mixed group of sizes and abilities, it made no difference to the amount we could learn or the fences we could attempt. Our instructor, Cathi Lammi, was constructive and encouraging and this, combined with the ease with which fences could be quickly raised or lowered for each member of the group, meant that we could all build our confidence and enjoy our day without either feeling we were a hindrance or feeling held back by others.

My very novice jumper came away from the experience having thoroughly enjoyed herself and was absolutely brimming with enthusiasm; by fence two we were already jumping bigger than anything she had jumped before. The style of the fences, the terrain and the layout are all very like classic cross country but, because the fences can be altered, it is the perfect opportunity to either experiment with moving up a height level or to school a green or nervous horse without the fear that they may scare or injure themselves.

Of course if you do experience problems, it is so easy just to lower the fences a little until you are both more confident again. Or, if it's going extremely well, then obviously you can increase the height and spread and push your boundaries a little! To anyone who has never tried Jump Cross, I would encourage you to give it a try; I will certainly be keen to have another go!”

A great example of how we can all learn something new by attending training sessions, or trying something new, thank you Clare.

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Thank you to those that have volunteered to help with the first show of the year. You currently are;

Becky and Emily Hall,
Sue Bossart,
Elaine Moore,
Natasha Fountain,
Wendy Smith,
Sarah Spencer.

Lindsey and Jade Ransley,
Jo Rhodes,
Kirsty and Sharon Ball,
Meg Haase,
Julie Cant and

Thank you also to the Judges and the members of the committee.

By now the first event will have happened but I am still allocating jobs and checking we have enough volunteers to run the event. The first show is always the most difficult as some people haven't rejoined as yet and others are itching to get on and compete.

There are some different opportunities to help coming up soon. You could come and fence judge at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre for the Area Horse Trials or assist a judge at the Summer Show, so please call me if you are interested.

MAY

Sunday 9 th	Arena Eventing	2 People still needed
Wednesday 19 th	Evening Show Jumping	3 people still needed
Wednesday 26 th	Evening Dressage	3 people still needed

JUNE

Wednesday 9 th	Evening Show Jumping	6 people required
Sunday 13 th	Area Horse Trials MKEC	10 people required
Wednesday 16 th	Evening Dressage	4 people required
Sunday 27 th	Summer Show and S/J	10 people required

Thankyou

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RIDER MAGAZINE

The Rider Magazine now includes a 'Letters' page, with a fabulous pair of Ariat boots awarded to the author of the 'Star Letter'. If you have any letters please email them to Maggie Smith [**m.smith@bhs.org.uk**](mailto:m.smith@bhs.org.uk).

HORSE TRIAL QUALIFIER

MILTON KEYNES EC – SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

Anybody wishing to compete at these Horse Trials, details in the last edition, must complete an RFRC entry form, now available from the website, and return it to the relevant Team Manager, Ben or Antonia, by 11th May 2010. The BRC entry fee has now been confirmed;

£64 for individual competitors

***£56 for team competitors**

**(this is the provisional cost for a team of 4 people,
if less than 4 in a team, the price will increase.)*

STYLE & SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER

EARLS BARTON 18TH JULY 2010

This is a Team and Individual competition where all team members are automatically counted as an individual as well. Each Team of 4 and individuals are required to jump 2 rounds. If, however, more than 2 team members are eliminated in the first round, the entire team will be eliminated and cannot jump in the second round. Team members may still complete the next round but as an individual competitor. A jump off will only be required if, after both rounds, 2 or more teams are on the same score. In this case, the tied teams only will be required to complete a jump off course.

	<u>Max. fence height</u> <u>of first round</u>
<u>Juniors</u>	
Novice	80cm approx
Open	95cm approx
<u>Seniors</u>	
Novice	80cm approx
Intermediate	95cm approx
Open	1.10m approx

RFRC entry forms available from the website and must be completed in all cases. As the entry fee has not yet been confirmed, a £10 deposit will be required to be submitted with your entry form. The entry fee balance must be paid prior to the event taking place.

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DRESSAGE QUALIFIER WITTERING GRANGE 25TH JULY

This is also a team and an individual event, where all team members are automatically counted as an individual as well. Teams of 4 where the 'Novice' senior teams all complete a prelim test and 'Open' teams complete 3 novice tests and one elementary test. Senior members may also enter at Medium level, but this is for individuals only. For Juniors teams, 2 complete a prelim test and 2 complete a novice test. Riding Tests can be entered as a team or an individual.

Senior 'Novice' Team

Prelim 12

Senior 'Open' Team

Novice 24, 28 & 34
Elementary 45

Senior Riding Test

Riding Tests 11 & 13

Junior Team

Prelim 12
Novice 24

Junior Riding Test

Riding Tests 11 & 12

Senior Individual Only

Medium 61

In addition, both Senior & Junior members are able to enter a Pairs Dressage Class (BRC Pair 4, 2004).

RFRC entry forms will be available from the website in due course, as the entry fees have not yet been confirmed.

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER LISCOMBE PARK, LEIGHTON BUZZARD 27TH JUNE

Dressage to music qualifiers are for individual competitors only, with the exception of pairs to music. All tests will run in a 20m x 60m arena. Juniors and Seniors will ride Novice (2002) Freestyle to Music, Senior Elementary will ride Elementary (2006) and Senior Pairs Dressage to Music will ride BRC Pairs DTM 2003.

It is the responsibility of the individual to complete an entry form, available from the BRC website, when entering this competition. Any queries should be directed to Rosemary Batten.

WINTER DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the Senior Dressage team who qualified to compete at the Winter Dressage Championship in early April. The team achieved 5th place, individual performances are as follows;

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Test BRCH12 (Prelim level)

Christine Duggan &

Flash Harry

Sam Williams & Palmar

25th

14th

Novice 25

Louise Brown & Rob Roy

Jonathan Canty & Romario

11th

5th

RWHS 2nd ROUND RIDING TEST QUALIFIER RESULTS

Members who had qualified in first rounds, some of which were held on the same day, went forward to complete the 2nd round Riding Test qualifier held at Manor Farm EC on 27th March. Only the 1st & 2nd placed competitors go on to compete at the Royal Windsor Horse Show and have the chance of winning the fantastic winners prize of a holiday in America. Detailed below are the results for the second round qualifier.

Junior RT 6

Jade Ransley & Jensen II

1st

Ashleigh Pittams & Frankie

3rd

Senior RT 6

Charlotte Osborne & Shadow II

3rd

Ben Franklyn & Freddie

4th

Well done to all the above members, and in particular Jade who will be off to Windsor later this month!

BRC AREA RE-ORGANISATION

The British Riding Clubs Marketing Dept. is having discussions regarding the present countrywide split of Riding Clubs Areas. The reason for this is that the current 23 Areas are split in such a way that some Areas have a very small number of Riding Clubs. This situation means that it is much easier to qualify for Championship events, with less competition from rival Riding Clubs in the Area, a very unlevel playing field.

Options currently under discussion are; do nothing and continue as is, re-organise Areas geographically only, potentially leaving the situation similar to the present one, or merge smaller riding clubs with larger ones, and re-organise Areas so that membership is more evenly balanced.

Opinions were invited and, after discussion at the Committee meeting, merging Areas seemed to be the best option, and would have limited impact for RFRC.

FLU VAC CERTIFICATES FOR BRC AREA EVENTS

I'm sure Antonia and Ben have reminded you, but please send a copy of your certificate to: Karen Froud, 1 Meadowbrook, Aldreth, Ely, Cambs, CB6 3UZ

We can then check it for you and add to Area 7 Database. You still need to take your flu vac certificate to Area events for checking, but the process will take half the time. It also prevents heartbreak if there are any problems with your certificate, as these can be identified early and sorted out prior to the events.

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EMAIL ADDRESSES.

British riding Clubs now send out a Members update via email. This enables you to keep fully up to date with training, rule changes, what is happening at BRC etc. If you would like to receive updates, please let Rosemary Batten have your email address she will then forward it to BRC for you.

The information you provide will only be used lawfully and in accordance with the Data protection Act 1998. You have a right at any time to stop BRC from contacting you for marketing purposes. The personal information held will be held securely in accordance with the internal security policy and the law.

FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP ASTON LE WALLS – 5TH JUNE

As well as the Festival of the Horse Challenge/Eventer Trial Championship (Area Qualifier already taken place) and Combined Riding Test & Style Jumping Championship (details of how to qualify in April's newsletter & on website), Showing Classes will also be held.

There is no need to qualify for Showing Classes but they are Direct Entry classes only. This does mean individuals wishing to compete need to enter themselves by simply logging onto the BRC website and selecting 'Competitions' where all the Class information and entry forms can be found. For queries/help please contact Rosemary Batten.

ON-LINE DRESSAGE & STYLE JUMPING COMPETITIONS

BRC have teamed up with *Interdressage*, offering every BRC member the opportunity to compete internationally and win fantastic prizes for themselves and their Riding Club. Compete in as many classes as you like for just £10 per class, entry made direct to *Interdressage* and run under their rules. Entries close on 7th of each month. www.interdressage.co.uk.

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