

Newsletter March 2010

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Despite the snow, frost and ice, we have made a very successful start to the year. Hopes for teams at BRC Area 17 qualifying competitions are always high, but dealing with horses and several different team members is fraught with potential difficulties, so expectations are realistic. It is always a bonus to arrive at team competition with all four original team members intact, present, correct and on time. Teams, so far, have surpassed expectations and fulfilled our hopes.

Domestic Winter Dressage and Show Jumping were popular amongst those ready and able to compete. It was dry and relatively warm. January weather and slightly earlier dates meant that numbers were down on last year. With the persistent bad weather, there was a point when we wondered if we would be able to run any events at all.

Competition dates have now been finalised up until the end of July. The remainder should be confirmed in May, once the Larkhill range activities have been fixed.

The Horse Trials on the 23rd May will mark the start of a new era at Larkhill. After many, many years (too many to count), a totally new cross country course has been built in the centre of the point to point course. It will be a voyage of discovery with new courses and new site layout. What an adventure!

Calendar clashes has meant the Horse Trials is being run earlier than usual. Please put the date in your diary so that you don't miss out.

PLEASE HELP

We are organising an unrivalled list of events for you to participate in, but we can only achieve this level of activity with your help. Please make it easier for us by offering your help. For example, to run the Horse Trials we need 100 helpers. That could mean a minimum of 100 phone calls for us to make. Whereas, if you to volunteer, it only takes **ONE** call. **PLEASE pick up the phone, email, send a carrier pigeon, somehow, let us know if you can help.**

BVRC Rule Amendment 2010

Medical armbands (armbands issued by BE and BRC) are mandatory at BRC & BVRC Horse Trials, Hunter Trial and FoTH competitions and for accessibility, in the event of a fall, **MUST BE WORN ON THE ARM**

Dressage Gloves

Good news or bad news depending on your perspective. BD & BRC have decided that gloves, worn for dressage, may be of any colour (probably not pink or purple though). Bad news if you have already invested in a pair of light coloured gloves or like me received a pair as a Xmas present.

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Forthcoming Events



BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride from the Bustard Hotel on Friday 2nd April 2010 at 10am.

This popular ride returns again for 2010, but in a change with tradition the ride will start from the Bustard Hotel. Meet at 10am at the Bustard Hotel, where there is plenty of parking space, ready to ride by 10.15am.

This will be a bracing 10-12 mile ride across Salisbury Plain and will take approximately two hours with a stop for drinks and buns along the way. Depending on numbers, the ride will be split into a 'fast' and 'slow' according to ability/experience/fitness.

The rides will be led by Celia Scott and Sarah Butler, so even though Roy will be on holiday, you will be in good hands.

The weather can be anything from tropical to arctic at this time of year, so dress accordingly. Guests (16 years or over) are welcome but please remember that club hat rules apply to them also.

The ride is FREE to members, £4 for non-members.

To book your place & hot cross bun, or if you have any queries please contact Celia Scott Tel: 01722 502279 or email: celiascott70@hotmail.com

Directions: Travel through Larkhill camp towards Shrewton. At Rolleston crossroads (2-3 miles after Larkhill camp), where Larkhill road meets the B3086, turn right. The Bustard Hotel is approx 1-1.5miles from the crossroad.



BVRC Spring Dressage on Sunday 11th April, 2010 at Amport Riding Centre

Spring Dressage on grass at Amport, long and short arena tests from Prelim to Medium, please see schedule already circulated or access through the website www.bvrc.co.uk.

Lindsay Devine (01722 712464) lindsaydevine56@aol.com will welcome calls from Dressage writers, stewards or scorers willing to help out on the day.



BRC Area 17 Festival of the Horse (FOTH) Challenge Qualifier – Sunday 18th April 2010, at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne.

We have had a great response for team places and have entered two Novice teams, an Open team, a pair & a junior Open individual. The competition is to test the ability of a pony/horse and rider to negotiate a show jumping course together with a piece of hunting country at a fair hunting pace. The course will consist of 7-10 show jumps followed by 8-15 cross country fences. Come and support the teams on 18th April, it will be a good day out.



BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset 19th –22nd April 2010

Numbers are at about mid twenties but changing almost on a daily basis as horses decide that this is a good time to go lame. Phone calls are coming from some very disappointed people who had been looking forward to camp since last year. They all resolve to make it next year.

Most of the instructions sessions are sorted and appropriate instructors booked. All we need now is our usual dry week with a bit of sunshine. Can't wait!



BVRC Novice Show SATURDAY 24th April from 1pm, Amport Riding Centre

This popular show is for novice riders and horses in any combination or for those who have had a break from competition and would like to return in a low-key fashion. The competition is organised to encourage riders and/or horses who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in dressage or show jumping classes. Other combinations will be welcome to ride, HC, in the classes for which they are ineligible. In the spirit of the competition, professional riders are welcome but requested to ride HC.

There are Walk And Trot or Prelim standard dressage tests and show jumping clear round at 2'0" followed by SJ classes between 2'0" and 2'6". All professionally judged with positive feedback. **Note the Saturday scheduling!** Schedule already sent out. If you feel like spending a Saturday afternoon at Amport please call Sarah Butler 07720 033743 with your offers of help.



BVRC 'INTRODUCTION TO TEAMS' TALK - The Red Lion, Clanville – Thu 6 May, 7.30-8pm

Want to find out more about BRC Area Qualifiers and applying for a team place? In an attempt to dispel fears and to give an idea what to expect and how teams are "selected" Lindsay Hills and Susie Pool (Chef d'Equipe) are hosting a Team Talk in the Red Lion at Clanville on Thursday 6th May at 7.30 for 8pm. This is your chance to hear about what happens and ask questions or even find out more about BRC Rules. Team horse's Flu Vaccs/Passports come under close scrutiny at competitions. Why not bring your horse's certificate along for us to check?

We will be there for you, so come along, order some food and ask all those questions you've been dying to ask but with no opportunity! See you there. For more information Susie Pool (01980 671523)



BVRC Combined Training – Sun 9th May (schedules out in early April)

The first combined training of the year will take place at Larkhill on Sunday 9th May. The competition can be entered either as a combined competition or as separate dressage and show jumping elements, so there's something for everyone. Needless to say, this type of riding club activity depends on a merry band of helpers to run at all smoothly, so if you'd like to be one of Sandra Grove's elves, please contact her as soon as possible (contact details at the top of this newsletter or on the schedule to follow, so no excuse). Think of all those Caballine points you could amass to win the coveted Rosebowl next AGM!!!!



BVRC Horse Trials at Knighton Down, Larkhill on Sunday 23rd May 2010

This is very exciting as it will be our first opportunity to use the new cross country course, sited in the middle of the point to point course at Larkhill. We won't be guinea pigs as three competitions will precede ours and hopefully iron out any problems before our turn.

Traditionally this very popular event. We are restricted in the overall number we can take and entries will close once that number is attained even if it happens before the closing date. Entries will be processed on a first come first served basis. So once the schedules are distributed, get your entries in asap. We would hate to turn anybody away because the classes were full.

Helpers will be needed in abundance, both on the preceding morning, at 10am, to set up, on the day itself and to clear up at 4pm.

Detailed requests for help will be made shortly.

If you receive a letter asking if you are able to fence judge, please do us the courtesy of responding, even if you are unable to help. It saves us time and energy in chasing you up.

Please note schedules will be sent out in early April.



BRC Area 17 Dressage to Music Qualifier on Monday 31st May 2010 at Sparsholt College EC.

PLEASE NOTE: TESTS THIS YEAR WILL BE JUDGED IN A 20 x 60m (long) ARENA.

Individual and pairs Dressage to Music qualifying competitions are being held, this year, at Sparsholt College Application forms for a place to represent BVRC will be sent out soon or call Susie Pool 01980 671523 for more information.

BRC Area 17 Summer Team Qualifiers

Application forms for team places for the summer qualifiers will be distributed with the next Newsletter. Dates & venues are listed in Diary Dates. Please put the dates in your diary today.



Hunting

17th April marks the last RA Hunt meet of the season. April will be your last chance to take advantage of the reduced cap of £20 until next season.

Ring Alison Wilson for details of meets, times, parking, dress, protocol etc etc.

Don't forget to take your membership card to claim the reduced cap.

Secretary: Ali Wilson 01264 773191 or alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk

Contact Ali if you would like to receive regular details of events run by the RA Hunt & RA Hunt Supporters Club.

Email: alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk




Instruction

Instruction will take a break for Easter and Camp but will be back at the end of April, so watch this space.

TEAM NEWS

BRC Area 17 Winter Team Dressage Qualifier – Sun 31st Jan, Hampstead Growers

Blue Team – 2nd					White Team			
Rachel Holland	Kingsmill	71.58%	1 st	HI2	Frances Hall	Trowan Max	63.16%	6 th
Sandra Groves	Timmy	66.84%	=2 nd	HI2	Sarah Butler	Capriole Tejo	57.57%	
Diana Burgess	Mr Mick	63.20%	6 th	N25	Gill Young	Slieve Bloom	58.58%	
Sarah Butler	Annagh Trendy Velvet	58.50%		N25	Sally Dutton	Rushmoor William Whitefoot	60.00%	

We were THAT  close! The Blue Team finished ONE point behind the team that qualified for the Championships! Congratulations to Chilworth Black. Well done everyone! Preparations were not without traumas and last minute panics. I received sufficient applications to just fill 2 teams by only leaving out people's 2nd horses. Joss Dalrymple had mentioned on his form that he was expecting twins (well, Sophie was!) and may not be available for the Championships in April. However, Lindsay and I decided that as we may not even get that far, we may as well include him for the Qualifier, especially as there were no other Novice applicants. I couldn't believe it when I got a call on the Tuesday before so say that Sophie had just produced twin girls! Very many congratulations to all the family – Sophie, couldn't you have waited 10 more days?!! Having already done much preparatory work in getting people primed before the forms were published, my *de facto* Assistant Chef d'Equipe, Rachel, stepped up to the plate and contacted Diana Burgess. She instantly accepted the offer of stepping into Joss's place – thank you! The next problem when the times were published was how to get Hannah Budd's horse to the competition. After much brain wracking and unworkable options (like lorries not fitting under the bridge to get to the horse!), knowing that it was too late to get anyone who wasn't already in gear to go, I contacted Sarah Butler to see if she could bring her sister's little horse. As ever with the Butler's, if you are in a crisis, they will respond positively. Thank you! So TJ was rapidly clipped, ridden once and performed a dressage test the next day without bucking. What a noble little chap! The other great thing was that it meant the Bulter/Gates crew arrived very early in their lorry and treated me to a bacon butty breakfast! I must ensure that Sarah is in every team from now on!

But what about the competition? Sandra had an excellent team debut on her new acquisition, Timmy, finishing 2nd. She held the lead for much of the class but was just pipped by one mark in the latter stages. We are so glad that you weren't put off applying by the thought of the medium trot! Rachel and "Clyde" did a lovely test and thankfully the judge thought so too, giving them an amazing 71.58%, 2 points clear of the field. Well done. Gill also had a much better day than last year, when Slieve bruised his foot and she didn't get in the arena. Having stepped up to the Novice, she did a creditable test having had little opportunity to prepare – something about snow and ice?! It was good to see Sally make her team debut too and we hope you'll be back for more. Our other team stalwart, Frances, with her dependable Max, also performed well and finished 6th – just like last year! Many thanks must also go to Dian McWilliam who provided help on the day on behalf of the teams by writing for one of the judges. Sorry we didn't get a chance to talk to you as you were kept busy in the judge's car.

Amazing – an event report without mentioning the weather! Can't be done! We did have a few flakes of snow but thankfully it didn't come to anything.

BRC Area 17 Novice Indoor Team Show Jumping – Sat 6th Feb, Crofton Manor

Frances Hall
Mandy Atkinson-Willes
Ruth Jacobson

Dunlewey Seimi (Parsnip)
Another Dun Pun (Dublin)
Just Joey

We were better than THAT 🐾 close **WE WON!!** We competed as a team of 3 (due to a slight mix up – ‘nuff said!) so we didn’t have the opportunity of a discard score. However, that didn’t matter as they all jumped brilliantly and finished with zero penalties at all – after two initial rounds, at 2’6” and 2’9”, and then a jump off by all of them against the clock. Zero, nothing, nil points! Fantastic! There really is nothing more I can say other than jolly well done everyone. We have now received confirmation that we qualified for the Championships on Saturday 3 April at Hartbury and are all looking forward to competing at Hartbury. Stay safe everyone!

Susie Pool
BVRC Chef d’Equipe

Results

Report and Results from the Dressage Competition held at Castle Farm on 21 February. Rosie Mathias reports from the first competition of the new season.

Our first event of the year was run for members only. Being able to run only one arena at this time of the year meant we had to restrict numbers. Entries were good and we ran a full day of classes.
We ran 4 classes in total, 2 prelims, 1 novice and a pick your own (novice, elementary or medium).

Thankfully the weather was kind to us on the day although driving over in torrential rain I wasn’t very hopeful. However, bar the odd light shower the weather held and we even saw the odd ray of sunshine. Sitting here writing this with the rain pouring down outside I realise how lucky we were.

We had a good response from helpers, which made the organisation so much easier. With only one arena to worry about, the day ran at a leisurely pace.

Thank you to all of you who helped on the day and to Sara for carrying out all the secretarial duties.

Rosie Mathias

CLASS 1 - BD Prelim 1 (2006) - Judge - Gail Perren				
	Rider	Horse	Mark	%
1	Celia Scott	Dun for Effect	146	76.8
2	Frances Smart	Cadanbyrig No Warning	138	72.6
3	Dee Hodson	Duke	132	69.5
4	Ros Stockdale	The Composer	131	68.9
5	Joanna Pearson	Bazil	127	66.8
6	Ruth Jacobson	The Dun Deal	122	64.2
7	Tamara Weal	Too Hot To Handle	121	63.7
8	Linsey Whitley-Faith	Tuck In	106	55.8
9	Mads Southey	Eric	104	54.7
CLASS 2 - BD Prelim 14 (2006) - Judge - Elizabeth Peerless				
1	Sandra Groves	Timmy	176	73.3
2	Diana Burgess	U	172	71.7
3	Lindsay Hills	Kuwaits Endeavour	169	70.4
4	Joss Dalrymple	Petal	166	69.2
5	Rachel Holland	Kings Mill	165	68.8
6	Vicky de Candole	Damysus	164	68.3
7	Clare Wood	Jake	160	66.7
8	Fenella Hargreaves	Look Who's Talking Too	154	64.2
9	Frances Smart	Cadanbyrig No Warning	152	63.3
10	Ros Stockdale	The Composer	150	62.5

CLASS 3 - BD Novice 20 (2007) - Judge - Janet Surr					
1	Tamara Weal	Hill Top Cruiser		179	71.6
2	Diana Burgess	Mickey		175	70.0
3	Gemma Merritt	McCormack		175	70.0
4	Rachel Holland	Kings Mill		170	68.0
5	Charlotte Opperman	Marble		168	67.2
6	Sally Dutton	Rushmoor William Whitefoot		162	64.8
7	Lindsay Hills	Kuwaits Endeavour		157	62.8
8	Zoe Sherlock	Geronimo		152	60.8
9	Camilla Halski	Mediflor		149	59.6
9	Janet Burnett	Flashlight		149	59.6
9	Rob Mauchline	Sky		149	59.6
10	Sandra Groves	Timmy		149	59.6
CLASS 4 - % Class - Judge - Janet Surr					
			Test		
1	Charlotte Opperman	Marble	N22	194	66.9
2	Diana Burgess	Mickey	E48	190	65.5
3	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	N22	178	61.4
4	Tamara Weal	Hill Top Cruiser	E48	177	61.0
4	Gemma Merritt	McCormack	E48	177	61.0

BVRC Merchandise

Fleeces (£18.50), Sweatshirts (£12.50), Polo shirts (£11.50) and Rugby shirts (L/S £19.50, S/S £18.50) and Caps (£5.50), in distinctive BV blue with smart BVRC logo, will be on sale at all BVRC events. Alternatively, they can be purchased from Lindsay (01264) 772388. All these items of clothing are very good value for money, wash and wear well and look smart.

British Riding Clubs Membership Discounts 2010

- £5 off Freezemarking services at Farmkey. Tel: 0870 870 7107 or visit www.farmkey.co.uk
- 30% discount when you join the BHS. Call 08701 201900 or join online: www.bhs.org.uk
- 10% discount in BHS Bookshop when quoting code from voucher in Rider.
- Discount at BHS TREC competitions, and eligibility to enter BHS TREC Championships and SEIB BHS TREC League.
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- 10% discount on Rosettes Direct. Tel: 01254 393711 www.rosettesdirect.co.uk
- 5% off all orders from Jump4Joy (excludes jump cups) Tel: 01386 7933339 www.jump4joy.co.uk
- 10% off Signam Products. Tel: 01926 417300 or visit www.sportsmark.co.uk
- 2.5% off any arena surface from McArdle Equestrian (excludes construction or gallop surfaces). Tel: 01844 353202 www.mcardleequestrainsurfaces.com
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- 5% off any purchase Kate Negus Saddlery. Tel: 0845 4308456 or visit www.katenegus.com
- 5% discount at Rugwash. Introductory offer - 10% off all embroidery on horse, dog and rider clothing. Tel: 01926 651286 or 07801 150571
- 10% discount on Fine Fettle products. View range of products at www.vineherbal.co.uk

HORSE FOR SALE

15.3 TB mare, 5 year old, backed and produced by Bryan Elliott, hacking out confidently, kind and easy to do in all aspects. Her Dam point to pointed, evented and team chased and Sire's progeny also now eventing. She is currently priced to sell at £2750 ono, as we have not competed her yet but the more we do with her the price may well start going up! Telephone Bryan on 07760 293899 or 01672 851660.

HAYLAGE FOR SALE

Now in stock Haylage in 20kg vacuum packed bags, fully guaranteed with full analysis available in small quantities collected.

Dawn Elderfield: 01264 400287 (mob 07795 036121) email: delderfield@btconnect.com

HORSE SHOW IN AID OF ROPLEY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL FUND

Horse show, dressage, gymkhana and dog show on 1st May 2010 at the Hampshire Hunt Field, Petersfield Road, Ropley, Hampshire in aid of the Ropley School swimming pool fund.

Further info can be found on the website <http://www.ridingdiary.co.uk> or by emailing Rachel Walker on rwalker@guildford.ac.uk or telephone 07973 826029.

The Royal Artillery Saddle Club (Larkhill)

Presents an Evening Lecture Demonstration
with

Gillian Higgins

BSc (Hons) Dip RM (MSM) ITEC (equine) MCAM

The Royal Artillery Stables, Equitation Training Wing,

Stirling Barracks, Larkhill, SALISBURY, Wiltshire SP4 8QT

Thursday 6th May 2010 at 7PM

£20 member / Forces £25 non-member

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Diary Dates 2010

APRIL

2 nd	BVRC Hot Cross Bun Ride on Salisbury Plain	<i>Celia Scott 01722 502279</i>
3/ 4 th	BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping & Winter Dressage Championships at Hartpury College EC, Nr Gloucester	
11 th	BVRC Unaffiliated Dressage at Amport Riding Stables	<i>Lindsay Devine 01722 712464</i>
18 th	BRC Area 17 Novice & Open FOTH Qualifier at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne	<i>Organiser: South Wilts RC</i>
18 th	RAPC Hunter Trial, Knighton Down, Larkhill (adult classes) 2'6"-3'6"	<i>Emma Clarke, Riverside Cottage, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hants SP11 0AX www.pcuk.org.uk</i>
19- 22 nd	BVRC Camp – Stockland Lovell	<i>Sandra Groves 01264 395277</i>
24 th	BVRC Novice Show at Amport Riding Centre, 1pm	<i>Sarah Butler 07720 033743</i>
25 th	Tedworth Hunter Trials at Knighton Down, Larkhill	<i>Dr R Andrews, Huntleys, Manningford Abbots, Pewsey, Wilts SN9 6HZ www.tedworthhunt.co.uk</i>

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6 th	BVRC Team Talk Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30pm for 8pm	<i>Susie Pool 01980 671523</i>
9 th	BVRC Combined Training, Knighton Down, Larkhill	<i>Sandra Groves 01264 396390</i>
23 rd	BVRC Horse Trials at Knighton Down, Larkhill	<i>Lindsay Hills 01264 772388</i>
31 st	BRC Area 17 Dressage to Music Qualifier at Sparsholt	<i>Hampshire Rural RC</i>

JUNE

5 th / 6 th	BRC FOTH Challenge Championships, Aston le Walls, Daventry	<i>BRC</i>
20 th	BRC Area 17 Novice, Int & Open Horse Trials at Morton EC, Nr Dorchester	<i>Morton EC</i>
26 th	BRC Area 17 Show Jumping Hampshire Showground Botley	<i>NFPE</i>

JULY

4 th	BVRC Show Jumping at Castle Farm, Over Wallop	<i>Celia Scott 01722 502279</i>
18 th	BRC Area 17 Dressage Broadlands Romsey	<i>Chilworth RC</i>
25 th	BVRC Dressage at Castle Farm, Over Wallop	<i>Celia Scott 01722 502279</i>

AUGUST

6-8	BRC National Horse Trials Championships at Offchurch Bury, Nr Leamington Spa, Warks	<i>BRC</i>
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SEPTEMBER

5 th	BVRC Dressage and Show Jumping, Knighton Down, Larkhill – TBC	<i>Lindsay Hills 01264 772388</i>
12 th	BVRC Novice Show at Amport Riding Centre 9.30am	<i>Rachel Holland</i>
11 th	BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground	<i>BRC</i>

OCTOBER

9 th / 10 th	BRC Dressage to Music Championships, Aintree International Centre, Liverpool	<i>BRC</i>
31 st	BVRC Hunter Trials Knighton Down, Larkhill - TBC	<i>Lindsay Hills 01264 772388</i>