

# WIMBORNE & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

President: Mr P Tory

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2012

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

At last the majority of the winter weather is behind us and we can look forward to evening riding and taking our mounts out to a few events. As you will find later in the newsletter the Committee have come up with a few different ideas for events this year as well as including many old favourites.

***If you have not yet renewed your membership, you should do so ASAP as you will not be permitted to enter any events without your 2012 competitor's number.***

Several members have asked for clarification on what show classes they should enter at shows, so we are pleased that Barbara Hooper has agreed to run a "Showing Demonstration Day" on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. This will be **free** to all members and their children and hopefully will assist you in deciding what classes to enter, how to show your horses/ponies to their best advantage and the correct tack and clothing to use. Then hopefully everyone will come to the Spring Show on the Sunday and have a great time and go home with a few rosettes!

Once again we will be running the 'It Takes Two' Dressage competition for adult and child pairs and the prizes will be awarded at the AGM. See later in the newsletter for details of the competition and how to enter and if you don't have anyone to pair up with, don't worry, just contact Anne Bish and she will pair you up with someone. At the Dressage competitions we are also holding another type of competition within the event, called the "Try Again Class". This is something completely new suggested by Robert, which should encourage competitors to improve their scores by competing in two classes at the same level on the day with the combined scores to determine the winner. This is free to enter and the winner will receive their prize on the day.

Tracy Ralph-Bates has got ideas for some different classes at the Club Show Jumping days (she has obviously been watching far too much TV coverage of Hickstead and Olympia!!), but these should be great fun to enter and watch. We are also buying some more jumps such as a Working Hunter type viaduct wall and different poles to make a "skinny" fence. We also want to purchase a proper Puissance Wall that we can build up to a decent height for Puissance classes. The one we like is quite expensive so we are holding 50/50 raffles to raise money for it. Raffle tickets for £1 per ticket will be sold at many of the events and the winner will be drawn on the day at a nominated time. The winner will receive half of the amount raised and the other half will be put into the Puissance wall fund. So come prepared and you may be lucky!!

Lastly the Quiz night is back again this year with a professional quizmaster and a ploughman's supper. These are usually a great social evening and well supported so buy your tickets early and come along and meet all your friends.

Have a great season and enjoy your Club.

Denise

**DEADLINES FOR MAY NEWSLETTER: News 14<sup>th</sup> April, Adverts 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Please send news items to Tracy Upshall; Adverts to Diana McGrail – see "Notice Board" for details



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## **COMPETITOR'S NUMBERS**

Yes, I know that some of you will feel that the new competitor numbers are just more paperwork for you to lose!

However, these are vital for you to remember, as they are your proof of membership – which is necessary in order for you to enter and compete at events run by WDRC.

If you forget them for an Open event... no problem – you may enter as a non-member and pay the higher rate of entry fee

If you forget to bring them to a Club event... Whoops! Sorry, you will have had a wasted trip to the Club field...

As the system of white armbands, Member's badges, etc proved to be open to abuse, we have followed the lead of other clubs, who found this system to work well.

Why not keep your WDRC numbers with your horse's passport – this also needs to accompany your horse to an event!

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Events are for Members and Member's Children,  
unless stated that the event is open to non-members**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> – Flatwork Clinic Sat 31<sup>st</sup> - Gymkhana</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> – Show Jumping Clinic Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Open Show Jumping Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – Showing Demonstration Day with Barbara Hooper Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Members Spring Show Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club Dressage * <b>NEW</b> * Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Evening Clear Round Jumping (1ft 6in – 1ft 9in) Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – Club Show Jumping Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Evening Dressage Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Evening SJ Training Sun 20<sup>th</sup> – Three Event Day Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Evening SJ Training Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> – Evening Gymkhana</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Club Show Jumping Sun 10<sup>th</sup> – Open In-Hand Show Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Evening Dressage Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – Open Childrens Show</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> – Summer Show Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – Club Show Jumping Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Evening Clear Round Jumping (2ft and above) Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Club Dressage Sun 29<sup>th</sup> – Open Ridden and In-Hand Show</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>August</u></b></p> <p>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Evening Gymkhana</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Gymkhana Sun 16<sup>th</sup> – Club Dressage Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – XC Clinic Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Eventer Trial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>October</u></b></p> <p>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – Charity Sponsored Ride</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – AGM</p>

## WDRC Discount at Horse Bits

Horse Bits Tack Shop in Corfe Mullen will be offering special discounts to Club Members on production of a current membership card.

The discounts will change on a monthly basis and will be advertised on our Club website and Club Facebook page so keep an eye out for the latest offer.

**Horse Bits Dorset Ltd, 1a Froud  
Way, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne,  
BH21 3UU (just behind the Post  
Office – free parking).  
Tel 01202 600550**

### March & April offers at Horse Bits... 20% off all Long Boots & Jodhpur Boots

Toggi Equestrian Long Boots – were £41.99, now £33.60  
Woof Long Boots – were £51.99, now £41.60  
Malvern Jodhpur Boots – were £35.40, now £29.15  
Grosvenor Jodhpur Boots – were £42.15, now £33.75  
Other makes available...



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 If you have any items that you would like us to include in the newsletter, do send them through to me.  
 My address is above; alternatively you can contact me on 07748 746905 or via email: [tracy@tupshall.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:tracy@tupshall.fsnet.co.uk)  
**Please note that all adverts need to be sent to Diana McGrail – see details on the adverts page**



Please can we remind all members that if you bring your dogs to WDRC events, they must be restrained on a lead at all times; alternatively, please ensure that they are securely shut in your vehicle, not running after the rabbits!

**Don't forget to wear your hi-viz clothing when hacking to and from the Club Field...**



**Do check out the WDRC page on Facebook – there are lots of pictures from events and the page provides a useful way for us to contact members with up to the minute information and updates on Club events**



## FUTURE EVENTS



### TRAINING SESSIONS

#### **A FEW POINTS TO REMEMBER!!**

- ◆ Clinics are open to all fully paid-up members and member's children
- ◆ Please remember to include your mobile phone number
- ◆ If you have paid for a clinic but have to cancel, you will still have to pay *unless* we can fill your space from the waiting list
- ◆ If you simply haven't bothered to notify us that you cannot attend, you *will* still have to pay
- ◆ If you are asked to phone for your session time, do contact the organiser at the allotted time to find out what time your group is riding - if you don't phone when specified, your space may be given to someone on the waiting list
- ◆ When you send your entry, you must give us a brief description of both your own and your horse's ability – this is necessary in order to allocate riders to the most appropriate group
- ◆ Where possible, all clinics will be split into separate groups for adults and children
- ◆ Please note that payment **MUST** be received with your booking form; you may register your interest in taking part by phoning the organiser, but your place will not be allocated unless you cough up the readies!

**Do remember that you can use a helper's ticket or training bursary towards the cost of the clinic.**

- ◆ Unless stated otherwise, all training sessions will be held in the all weather arena at Higher Merley Farm (parking at the farm as well). Please ensure that any droppings or other rubbish are cleared from both the arena and the car park before you leave

**Remember to observe the speed limit of 10mph on the track leading to Higher Merley Farm, slowing to 5mph as you pass the first buildings – Poole Pony Club are now very good about observing the speed limit, so please don't let the Pony Club parents show you up!**

**When booking, please state make sure that you complete the entry form fully, including information about the level that you and your horse are working at; also informing us if you are already having lessons with the instructor booked for that clinic – you and the instructor may be aware, but we are not psychic – and without this information, we cannot book you into the most appropriate group and ensure that you get the most benefit from your lesson...**

## FLATWORK CLINICS

Sessions last for 1 hour, with a maximum of 4 people in each session

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Gilly Wheeler BHSI ♦ COST £15 ♦ Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**If you are booking for more than one session, please send separate cheques for each session**

Send booking forms to Vanessa Whippey, 3 Branksea Avenue, Poole, BH15 4DW by the closing date.

Please phone VANESSA on 01202 670680 on the THURSDAY before your clinic **between 8pm & 9pm** to find out the time of your session or check the WDRC website under "TIMES" on the front page from the Thursday.

## SHOW JUMPING CLINICS

Sessions last for approx. 1 hour, with a maximum of 4 people per session

**When booking please state full details of experience & height of horse/pony so that we can group people appropriately – this is especially important for the jumping clinics**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Louise Downing BHSI ♦ COST £15 ♦ Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Send booking forms to Denise Robertson, Porthleven, Waterloo Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, BH21 3SP by the closing date.

Please phone DENISE on 01202 603601 on the THURSDAY before your clinic **between 8pm & 9pm** to find out the time of your session or check the WDRC website under "TIMES" on the front page from the Thursday.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Louise Downing BHSI ♦ COST £15 ♦ Closing Date for Entries: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Louise Downing BHSI ♦ COST £15 ♦ Closing Date for Entries: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Please phone DENISE on 01202 603601 on the FRIDAY before your clinic **between 8pm & 9pm** to find out the time of your session or check the WDRC website under "TIMES" on the front page from the Friday.

**If you are booking for more than one session, please send separate cheques for each session**

Send booking forms to Denise Robertson, Porthleven, Waterloo Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, BH21 3SP by the closing date.

The two clinics in May are both EVENING clinics. There will be two sessions each evening (6pm-7pm and 7pm-8pm) to be held in the club field over a course of jumps with a maximum of four persons in each group. Each session to last for 1 hour and will focus on warming up effectively and riding the course correctly, including related distances, dog legs and doubles. Fillers will be used and there will be an opportunity to practice over the water jump if required. The previous SJ training sessions this year have been over subscribed so I would advise booking your place early to avoid disappointment. Please indicate CLEARLY and HONESTLY the level you are at and the height you wish to jump so I can put you in the most appropriate group.

## GYMKHANA – SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

For members & member's children. Separate lead rein races (if sufficient entries) for children under 10 years old – please note that children can enter either the lead rein section or the standard children's races but not both; nor can they swap between the two sections depending on the race!

**Start time 10am prompt – PLEASE remember to wear your high visibility clothing if hacking to the event!**

There will be five races plus an elimination round. Best Turned Out rosettes for best Adult and Child

**Entries on the day ENTRY FEE: £2 per race or £10 for all six races – Please bring the correct money if possible!**

Any queries, please phone Vanessa Whippey on 07805 665909

**As ever, willing helpers needed please. Any queries please contact me on 07805 665909**

## OPEN SHOW JUMPING – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Commencing 10am prompt

Class 1 – NOVICE Jumps not to exceed 2ft in first round. Horse/pony & rider combination not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> in any show jumping competition. Riders any age

Class 2 – 2ft 3" OPEN Jumps not to exceed 2ft 3" in first round. Open to horses & ponies. Riders any age

Class 3 – 2ft 6" OPEN Jumps not to exceed 2ft 6" in first round. Open to horses & ponies. Riders any age.

Class will be split according to height (section A 14.2hh and under; section B exceeding 14.2hh) if there are sufficient entries – please mark clearly on your entry form which section you are eligible for

Class 4 – 2ft 9" OPEN Jumps not to exceed 2ft 9" in first round. Open to horses & ponies. Riders any age

Class 5 – 3ft OPEN Jumps not to exceed 3ft in first round. Open to horses & ponies. Riders any age

**Entries in all classes may be limited – therefore entry before the closing date is advisable!**

**All classes will be run as a two-phase competition** Special rosette to best WDRC member or member's child in each class

**ENTRY FEE FOR ALL CLASSES; £5.00 for WDRC members & member's children; £7.00 for non-members**

**ALL LATE ENTRIES; £8.00 ENTRIES CLOSE; WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**All entries & enquiries to Denise Robertson, Porthleven, Waterloo Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, BH21 3SP**

Mobile contact no (on day of show only); 07849 459719. In the event of bad weather, it is the responsibility of all competitors to contact the secretary to check whether the show is running

**Help will be needed on 6<sup>th</sup> April with building the course, assisting during the event and to put jumps away afterwards – please contact Denise if you can spare a couple of hours...**

## **FREE SHOWING DEMONSTRATION – SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**



After many requests from members we have decided to run a Showing Demonstration this year instead of the Showing Clinic. The idea behind the Showing Demonstration is that as many members can come along **FREE OF CHARGE** to watch on the day and see exactly which classes are suitable for their horses/ponies and what the rider/handler should be wearing and doing ready for the coming showing season. There will be light refreshments available to buy on the day.

**There is NO CHARGE for volunteering to bring yourself and your horse/pony and NO CHARGE for spectators.**

**This event will take place in the club field and will run from 11am for approximately 3 hours.**

With this in mind we are looking for suitable horses/ponies and competitors to come along on the day so that our Instructor, Barbara Hooper, can talk us through what is expected from both horse/pony and competitor.

We would like to be able to show as many different classes on the day as possible, so we are looking for “guinea pigs” in the following categories:

- Hunter
- Working Hunter
- Mountain & Moorland (as many different suitable breeds as possible)
- Arab (pure-bred or part-bred)
- Cob (it would be lovely to have both a hogged show cob and a traditional cob with full mane & feathers – if anyone is interested in bringing a cob which needs trimming for the show ring, it would be great to have a “guinea pig” who could be transformed... )
- Coloureds
- Ex-Racehorse
- Non-Show Type
- Riding Club Horse or Pony
- Horse or Pony Suitable for Driving.

If you feel you have a horse/pony you would like to bring along on the day and you would like to help with the demonstration please write (with photograph of horse/pony) to Anne-Marie Robbins, 25 Edwina Drive, Poole, BH17 7JG or email Anne-Marie at [annemarie.robbins@ntlworld.com](mailto:annemarie.robbins@ntlworld.com). Unfortunately we will be unable to return photographs to you unless you include a SAE.

**Closing date for entries Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.** There is no need to call to see if you have been selected to come along – you will be contacted on Monday 9th April by Anne-Marie.

## **SPRING SHOW – SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**



Open to members and member's children

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP / COMPETITION NUMBER IF YOU ARE COMPETING – WITHOUT IT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER**

Keep your number safe with your horse's passport, which should always accompany your equine when travelling or at any event away from home (spot checks will be made at Open events)

In-Hand classes will run in the morning and ridden classes in the afternoon. All ridden equines must be 4 years old and over. In-Hand Classes start at 9.30am prompt. Ridden classes will not start before 12.30pm

**Closing Date; all postal entries to be received by midnight on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – any entries received after this time will be subject to pay the late entry fee, so do post your entries early

**Entry Fees; £4.00 per class before the closing date**

**Late Entry Fee; £6.00 per class**

All late entries on the day will need to be made using a new entry form – no late entries to be added to a pre-entered form  
NO changing of classes on the day. No refund of entry fees unless a vet's certificate is shown

All cheques to be made payable to “Wimborne & District Riding Club”.

**Entries to be sent to Pauline Hill, 33 Sydling Close, Canford Heath, Poole, BH17 8SY**

**No phone entries** but any queries please ring 01202 606636 or 07963 663155

The schedule is designed so that you can see exactly which classes will run concurrently e.g. Class 1 in ring 1 and Class 10 in ring 2. If one class finishes before its “pair”, there will be a brief delay before the next class in that ring commences i.e. Class 2 and Class 11 will start at the same time, followed by Classes 3 and 12 starting together and so soon... Likewise for the ridden classes which, as usual, will not start before 12.30pm

**Most importantly... Ray will be bringing his catering van along – so don't worry about bringing your lunch with you; you can get both hot & cold food and drinks at the field!**

**IN-HAND CLASSES**

<b>RING 1 Start 9.30am</b>	<b>RING 2 Start 9.30am</b>
<b>Judge: Deni Frost / Joan Dunford</b>	<b>Judge: Joan Dunford / Deni Frost</b>
Class 1; YOUNGSTOCK 1, 2 & 3 years. Any breed/type/ height. Pippin Memorial Trophy to winner	Class 10; VETERANS Any horse/pony aged 16 years or over (Age to be displayed in the ring). Any breed/type/height. <b>Double points are to be awarded in the Veterans classes, so this is a good chance to notch up some extra points on your "Veterans Trophy" sheets</b>
Class 2; GRASS KEPT Any breed/type/height. Must live out all year (be honest!)	Class 11; BEST CONDITION Any horse/pony that is kept stabled or part-stabled. Any breed/type/height
Class 3; MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND to include Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Connemara, Fell, Dales, Highland, Welsh A, B, C & D. Also including foreign breeds Icelandic, Haflinger, Fjord, Eriskay, Friesian, etc. All MUST be registered with their breed society and the registration number must be on the entry form. Any age	Class 12; RIDING HORSE or PONY TYPE Need not be registered with BSPS or NPS. Any age/height. Will be judged on manners, conformation and way of going
Class 4; HANDSOME GELDING Any age/breed/type/height	Class 13; PRETTY MARE or FILLY Any age/breed/type/height
Class 5; PART-BRED HORSE or PONY Must be registered as a part-bred with a breed society (number on entry form). Any age/height	Class 14; NON-SHOW TYPE HORSE or PONY Any age/type/height. Must NOT be registered
Class 6; HORSE or PONY OF HUNTER TYPE Any height. Any age	Class 15; COB TYPE HORSE or PONY Any age/breed/type/ height. Can be shown in a natural state or hogged
Class 7; COLOURED HORSE or PONY to include Piebald, Skewbald, Palomino, Dun, Roan, Spotted, Pinto, Pintaloosa or any odd or unusual colour. Any age/height/breed/type. To be judged 50% on colour and 50% on conformation	Class 16; BEST SOLID COLOUR HORSE or PONY to include Black, Brown, Bay, Grey, Chestnut or any other solid colour. White markings on legs and face are allowed
Class 8; POTENTIAL COMPETITION HORSE or PONY suitable for eventing, show jumping, dressage, driving, etc. 1, 2 & 3 years old. Any breed/type/height	Class 17; CHILD HANDLER This class is open to any member's child and will be judged in two sections; child aged 4 – 9 years and child aged 10 – 15 years. If sufficient entries the class will be split. otherwise all ages will be in the ring together. The highest placed from each section will go into the Championship. Horse or Pony. Mare or Gelding ONLY. Any breed/type/height
Class 9; HORSE or PONY SUITABLE FOR DRIVING Any age/ breed/type/height. Can be shown In-Hand, in Long-Reins or in Harness. Will be judged 50% on type & conformation and 50% on manners & suitability for driving	NO class in this ring
<b>Classes will run opposite each other i.e. 1 – 10, 2 – 11, 3 – 12, 4 – 13, 5 – 14, 6 – 15, 7 – 16, 8 – 17</b>	
<b>Class 9 will run on its own in ring 1 (nothing in ring 2)</b>	
<b>There will be a Championship in Ring 1 for ALL first prize winners (adult or child) from the In-Hand classes</b>	
<b>The Bourneway Trophy to be awarded to best Adult</b>	
<b>The Robbins Trophy to be awarded to best Child</b>	

**RIDDEN CLASSES**

**NOT to start before 12.30pm All ridden animals must be 4 years old & over**

<b>RING 1</b>	<b>RING 2</b>
<b>Judge; Barbara Hooper / Claire Pratt</b>	<b>Judge; Claire Pratt / Barbara Hooper</b>
Class 18; BEST TURNED OUT Any breed/type/height. Will not be required to give a show but will be judged on cleanliness of horse/pony and rider	NO class in this ring
Class 19; NOVICE HORSE or PONY Any breed/type/height. Must NOT have been placed 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> under saddle. NO cantering except in individual show	Class 26; VETERANS Must be 16 years & over (age to be displayed in the ring). Any breed/type/height <b>Double points are to be awarded in the Veterans classes, so this is a good chance to notch up some extra points on your "Veterans Trophy" sheets</b>
Class 20; RIDING HORSE or PONY TYPE Need not be registered with BSPS or NPS. Any height. Will be judged on manners, conformation and way of going	Class 27; MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND to include Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest, Connemara, Fell, Dales, Highland, Welsh A, B, C & D. Also including foreign breeds Icelandic, Haflinger, Fjord, Eriskay, Friesian, etc. All MUST be registered with their breed society and the registration number must be on the entry form

Class 21; PART-BRED HORSE or PONY Must be registered as a part-bred with a breed society (number on entry form). Any height	Class 28; NON-SHOW TYPE HORSE or PONY. Any breed/type/height. Must NOT be registered
Class 22; COLOURED HORSE or PONY to include Piebald, Skewbald, Palomino, Dun, Roan, Spotted, Pinto, Pintaloosa or any odd or unusual colour. Any height/breed/type. To be judged 50% on colour and 50% on conformation	Class 29; BEST SOLID COLOUR HORSE or PONY To include Black, Brown, Bay, Grey, Chestnut or any other solid colour. White markings on legs and face are allowed. Any height/breed/type
Class 23; COB TYPE HORSE or PONY 13.2hh & over. Can be shown in natural state or hogged	Class 30; HORSE or PONY of HUNTER TYPE Any height
Class 24; COMPETITION HORSE or PONY suitable for eventing, show jumping, dressage, driving, etc. Any breed/type/height	Class 31; ARABS – PURE, PART & ANGLO Must be registered
Class 25; RIDING CLUB HORSE or PONY Any breed/type/height. This class is open to ADULTS ONLY and must be shown by a WDRC member (need not be the owner of the animal). Will be required to jump a fence	Class 32; FAMILY PONY Any breed/type. Must be suitable for adult and child to ride. Snaffle bridles only. No whips or spurs allowed.
<b>Classes will run opposite each other i.e. 19 – 26, 20 – 27, 21 – 28, 22 – 29, 23 – 30, 24 – 31, 25 – 32</b>	
<b>Class 18 (BTO) will run on its own in ring 1 (nothing in ring 2)</b>	
<b>There will be a Championship in Ring 1 for ALL first prize winners (adult or child) from the Ridden classes</b>	
<b>The Marmalade Trophy to be awarded to best Adult</b>	
<b>The Batchelor Trophy to be awarded to best Child</b>	

### Trophies, Trophies, Trophies



Many congratulations to those who won trophies at our Spring Show last year – Alycia Collins, Barbara Hooper, Lili Dixon and Vivien Ayres. It is now time to make sure you have polished and engraved them ready for their return. **Please arrange to return them to by 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.** They can be returned to me at 25 Edwina Drive, Poole, BH17 7JG. Tel: 07899 791396 – Many thanks, Anne-Marie

### **DRESSAGE – SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**



- Class 1 WDRC Test 5 – Restricted to horse/rider combination not to have won a dressage test prior to 2012
- Class 2 Intro B (2009) / Prelim 12 (2005) – Open. Placings to be awarded on % basis
- Class 3 Prelim 13 (2006) / Novice 24 (2010) – Open. Placings to be awarded on % basis
- Class 4 Novice 27 (2007) / Elementary 42 (2008) – Open. Placings to be awarded on % basis

**For classes 2, 3 & 4, please ensure that you state the test you wish to ride on your entry form. You are allowed to enter both tests in the class e.g. you can enter class 3 and ride both Prelim 13 AND Novice 24 but you MUST pay an entry fee for each test you wish to ride – please make your entry requirements very clear when you fill out the entry form...**

**Don't forget to wear your membership number! If you are riding more than one horse, you will be given temporary number(s) for the event**

Parking & Warm-up in the Club Field; Tests in all-weather arena

**ENTRY FEE; £6.00 per class CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES; SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Entries to Anne Bish, Pipers Hill Farm, Hinton Martell, Wimborne, BH21 7HA by the closing date**

**\*\*\* NO LATE ENTRIES \*\*\***

**\*\*\* NO PHONE ENTRIES \*\*\***

To get copies of WDRC test sheets, either send an SAE to Anne or email Tracy Upshall on [tracy@tupshall.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:tracy@tupshall.fsnet.co.uk)

BD tests are usually available in local tack shops, or by contacting British Dressage on 02476 698830 or [www.britishdressage.co.uk](http://www.britishdressage.co.uk) or can be downloaded from [www.dressagediagrams.org](http://www.dressagediagrams.org) – if you get really stuck finding the test you need, email Tracy!

**Please phone Anne (01258 840486) for times on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April between 8pm & 9pm**

In tandem with this competition, Elaine MacDuff is running lessons on "How to Ride a Dressage Test". If you want some help with particular movements or general advice on how to gain those few extra marks, book your 30 minute session. The cost is £10 per person for an individual lesson. This fee is being subsidised by WDRC. As far as possible, I shall book you in before your test so that you can get maximum benefit for the competition. The bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis, so do get your entry form in early. Times for the lessons will be given when you phone for your test times. The lessons will be run on grass / in the Club field.

## “Try Again” Class

As Denise has mentioned in her Chairman’s Chat (did you read it?!) we are offering an additional class at our Club Dressage events. This class will offer the rider a chance to ride two tests at the same level and the combined scores will determine the winner of each level, who will receive a prize. The purpose of the class is to provide the rider with an opportunity to try two tests at the same level and should be especially useful in building confidence in the rider, especially if the first test is poor due to nerves, distractions or inexperience.

Walk/trot           Classes 1 & 2

Preliminary       Classes 2 & 3

Novice              Classes 3 & 4

You do not need to pay an additional entry fee for the “Try Again” class or mark on your entry from that you wish to enter our new class – if you are riding two tests at the same level, we will work everything out for you...

## Strictly Come Dressage; It Takes Two...

This is a separate competition run within each class for registered pairs and points will be accumulated throughout the year for prizes to be awarded at the AGM. Registration costs £5 per rider. The rules are simple; each pairing is comprised of one Adult member with their horse/pony and one Child member with their horse/pony. You cannot both ride the same horse/pony within the same class. If anyone wants to register but does not have a rider partner, please let me know and we shall try and help to pair you up with someone.

Points given for registered combinations are judged separately within the class and are as follows:-

Walk & Trot       1<sup>st</sup> = 6, down to 1 mark for 6<sup>th</sup> place

Prelim             1<sup>st</sup> = 8, down to 1 mark for 8<sup>th</sup> place

Novice             1<sup>st</sup> = 10, down to 1 mark for 10<sup>th</sup> place

Elementary       1<sup>st</sup> = 12, down to 1 mark for 12<sup>th</sup> place

## Training Bursaries

Bursaries may be awarded to club members, at the discretion of the organiser, giving you £30 to help with the cost of a lesson with a trainer of your choice. These are not always given at each event, but there will definitely be two bursaries awarded, one to an adult and one to a junior member at the AGM

# QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

A fun general knowledge quiz night to be held at Wimborne Town Football Club. Doors open at 7.30 pm and the quiz will start at 8pm. All WDRC members, their friends and family are very welcome. The quiz will be general knowledge with only a *couple* of horsey questions and will be hosted by a professional quizmaster! There will be fun prizes for each individual winning round so that every team could be a winning team! We will also be running a 50/50 raffle with 50% of the proceeds going towards buying a new Puissance Wall for the Club and 50% of the proceeds going to one lucky winner.

Tickets are £6 per person to include a ploughman’s. Teams of up to 8 people each. Tickets can be purchased from “Horse Bits” in Corfe Mullen or by sending an SAE to Tracy Ralph-Bates, 29 Laurel Close, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3TD. Any questions, please ring Tracy on 01202 601929 or Anne-Marie Robbins on 07899 791396.

## EVENING CLEAR ROUND JUMPING (1ft 6in to 2ft) – WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Open to members, member’s children and non members

Gates open at 5.45pm and jumping starts at approx. 6.15pm. May I suggest that if you only wish to jump at the higher level of 1ft 9in, you arrive at about 7pm to avoid too much waiting around.

Last round will be **no later** than 8.15pm

**Fence Heights: 1ft 6in and 1ft 9in only**



**Entry Fees:** To eliminate the need for me to write down sometimes long lists about who has paid or not paid for a rosette each round, the Club has decided to charge a flat fee of £3 per round. A rosette will still only be awarded for a clear round and I think you’ll agree it’s still good value. Entries on the field.

**Helpers will be needed please – both to set up and pack away – contact Vanessa on 07805 665909**

Any queries, please ring Vanessa Whippet on 07805 665909

If the weather is bad, please phone Vanessa to check that this event is going ahead!

Can I remind all those wishing to enter that long sleeved tops are compulsory and we highly recommend that body protectors are worn. For those riding to the event, please wear your high visibility tabards for your own and your horse’s safety, especially if you are riding home in the dusk. These can be handed to me for safe keeping whilst you jump.

I look forward to seeing you there.



## EVENING GYMKHANA – THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY



For members & member's children. Separate lead rein races (if sufficient entries) for children under 10 years old – please note that children can enter either the lead rein section or the standard children's races but not both; nor can they swap between the two sections depending on the race!

**Gates open 5.45pm; Start time 6.30pm prompt** – this event will start on time due to the restrictions as the daylight fades! We aim to finish between 8.15pm and 8.30pm to allow those who hack to the event to ride home safely – **PLEASE remember to wear your high visibility clothing!**

There will be four races plus an elimination round

Best Turned Out rosettes for best Adult and Child

**ENTRY FEE: £2 per race or £8 for all five races – Please bring the correct money if possible!**

Any queries, please phone Vanessa Whippey on 07805 665909

**As ever, willing helpers needed please. Any queries please contact me on 07805 665909**

## SHOW JUMPING – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

To be held in Club field, **starting at 10am**. For members and member's children.

### The WDRC Masters Challenge!



Based on the Hickstead Masters Challenge. Each class is one round, with two sections. Section one has 8 fences, with 9 jumping efforts and is timed. You will not receive any faults for a pole down or first refusal, but will have 4 seconds added to your time. Section 2 is a line of 4 white 'gates', each of which will be slightly bigger than the one before (excluding classes 1 and 2). The challenge is to complete section one as fast as possible, but then gather yourself and your horse together to jump the 4 white 'gates' clear. The rider who jumps section two clear, and has the fastest time in section 1 wins. Are you up for the Challenge???

### The Bareback Challenge!

The Bareback challenge will consist of only one phase and will have 8 fences, with 9 jumping efforts and will be timed.

**Classes 2, 3 & 4 will be split according to the height of the horse/pony.** Section A for ponies 14.2hh and under and Section B horses exceeding 14.2hh. **Please mark your entry forms clearly which section you are entering.** Please note that classes are split according to the height of horse/pony NOT into adults/children sections

All classes will be two phase. This means if you go clear in the first round, you go straight to the jump off course which will be timed.

Class 1	Open WDRC Masters Challenge. Jumps approx. 1ft 9in in first phase
Class 2A and 2B	Open WDRC Masters Challenge. Jumps approx. 2ft 3in in first phase
Class 3A and 3B	Open WDRC Masters Challenge. Jumps approx. 2ft 6in in first phase
Class 4A and 4B	Open WDRC Masters Challenge. Jumps approx. 2ft 9in in first phase
Class 5 (A & B combined)	Bareback Challenge. Jumps approx. 1ft 9in – 2ft

**ENTRY FEES** All classes £5.00 per class. Late entries £7.00 per class

**CLOSING DATE; WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Entries to Tracy Ralph-Bates, 29 Laurel Close, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, BH21 3TD**

## OPEN IN-HAND SHOW – SUN 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

A slightly different time of year for our In-Hand show – the schedule is being finalised at present and will be out soon... Copies will be available on our website ([www.wimborneridingclub.co.uk](http://www.wimborneridingclub.co.uk)), on [www.nfed.co.uk](http://www.nfed.co.uk) and in local tackrooms. Don't forget that if your newsletter is emailed to you, you will also receive all of our Open Event schedules by email – makes life easy and ensures that you don't miss what's going on. There will be tradestands at the show – Rugmup will be joining us with their mobile tack stall and we hope that Peter Lovell may be bringing along a range of Equine Natural Oils, Shampoo & Supplements. As ever, we will need helpers for the show – do contact any of the committee if you are available to help – even a couple of hours of your time would be great!

### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION – 21st April 2012 At Hinton Martell Village Hall

**Classes:** Under 10's ; 10 – 15 years old ; Adults 16 yrs & over  
**Categories:** People/Portrait ; Nature/Pets ; Landscape ; Still-life ; Travel  
**Entry Fee:** £1.50 children /£3.00 Adult category per print.

On the reverse of each photo, please put your name, address, D.O.B. & Category entered

**Photos delivered to the village hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 12-2pm  
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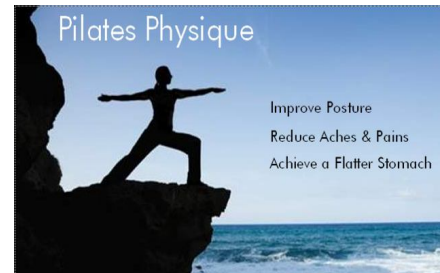
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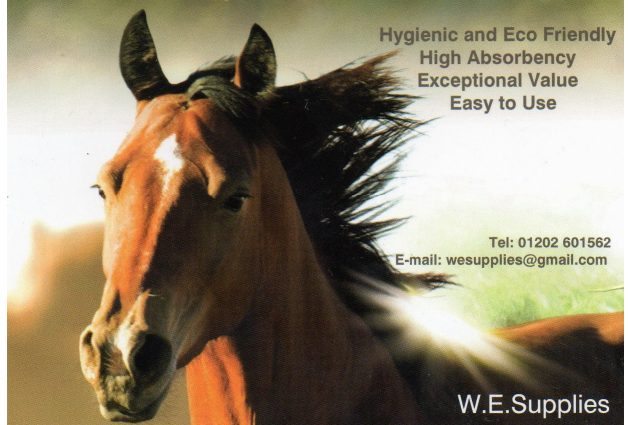


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