



# MEON RIDING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

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### WINTER DRESSAGE QUALIFIER RESULTS

We entered two teams for this competition. Two riders in each team ride a Prelim. test, and two a Novice, and the result is decided by adding together the three best placings, so the lowest total wins. The Meon Stars finished with an excellent total of 8, which put them in third place behind Hampshire Rural (5) and New Forest Pony Enthusiasts Gold (6). The Meon Diamonds did not sparkle quite as brilliantly, ending on a total of 22, in a respectable 8th. place. Our representatives were as follows (individual placings in brackets)-

#### **Meon Stars:-**

Helen Denton/Silver Samurai (3)  
Helen Vernon/Monaco Finale  
Sarah Pook/Balfours Bay (2)  
Carol Alford/Beejay Two (3)

#### **Meon Diamonds:-**

Anne Evns/Kilcotty Jim  
Emma Bowley/Killagha Thomas Ashe  
Jane McGibbon/Hayward Mac  
Rebecca Sporne/Semillion (2)

Full results can be seen on the Area 17 website

Well done to all our riders, and a big thank you to the members who helped out at this competition.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Your programme for 2009 is enclosed; please keep it in a safe place for future reference. It is correct at the time of printing, but will no doubt be subject to amendment over the course of the year, so please check with the Club website or current newsletter before acting on it. Events for the next 6 weeks are as follows:-

#### **AREA 17 INDOOR SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER**

We have entered three teams for this competition which we are hosting at Crofton E.C. on 15 February.

There are still a few places available in the warm-up class, so if you have been dithering because of the weather its not too late to put in a last minute entry. Contact Dick King, tel: 01730 264178; email:wheelers.farm@btinternet.com.

If there is anyone near Crofton who could help with the course-building on Saturday evening, about 6.30pm. please contact Janet Irving, tel:01489 892494. Extra help would also be appreciated at busy times during the day, so if you see the stewards are a bit overwhelmed, please offer to lend a hand.

### **PRE-SEASON PARTY, WEST MEON HUT, 20 MARCH**

Your invitation for this is enclosed so come along and 'in the fire of Spring, the Winter garments of repentance fling'. We hope new members will make a special effort to come along, so we can get to know you all.

### **RWHS RIDING TEST QUALIFIER, CROFTON 10 APRIL**

Your schedule for this is enclosed. This year you will have to enter this round as an individual, but, if you win, you will then become the Club (and Area) representative for the Final rounds at Royal Windsor.

### **AREA 17 CROSS-COUNTRY QUALIFIER, ROCKBOURNE, 19 APRIL**

As you may have seen in the Winter edition of The Rider, the format of this competition is being changed to include a show jumping phase, though details are not yet known. If you would like to be considered for a Club team, please contact Andrea Bishop, tel:01489 894227, email: andrea@bishes.fsnet.co.uk. There will be a cross-country schooling session at Rockbourne on 28 March, which would obviously be of advantage to prospective team members.

## TRAINING

### BASIC TRAINING AND DRESSAGE

The first session of basic training will be at Crowd Hill, Fair Oak on Wed. 18 February at 1.00p.m., with Alec Miles. This is a lovely large indoor school, which we are able to use at a very reasonable cost. Instruction will be in groups of four, so we have been able to keep the cost down to £17-50 per rider. We would like to continue these sessions at fortnightly intervals, but need some more riders to keep it going. This will be really, really basic, so even if you and your horse have never done anything like it before, please don't think you can't do it - be brave and take the plunge! If you just want to come along and watch the first session you will be most welcome.

Individual Dressage lessons with Elaine Wilson will also be held fortnightly on Wednesdays, starting 25 February, at Ashlands, Brockbridge, from about 4.00p.m. (lights are available),

For further information on either of these sessions please contact Jan Desty, tel:01489 877209; email: jandesty@btintnet.com.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross-country schooling sessions will start at the Three Maids course, Headbourne Worthy on 8 March, and continue at Rockbourne on 28 March. A booking form was sent out last month, or can be downloaded from the Club website. Any queries to Helen Vernon, tel: 07801 425625; email: hv@commodity.eu.com

### SHOW JUMPING

Current indoor jumping training sessions are actually oversubscribed, but we will be starting outdoor sessions at Lower Peake after Easter. Booking forms will be on the Club website next month, or with your next Newsletter.

### NEW MEMBERS

We have accepted applications from the following:-  
Mrs. Maxine Reeve, 6, Valiant Rd., Thorney Island  
Miss Georgina Davidge, 38, Aston Rd., Southsea  
Mrs. Lesley Jayne, Rose Cottage, High St., Sober-ton  
Ms. Barbara Dixon, 49 Cambria Drive, Dibden  
Mr Tony Welch, 207 Botley Rd., Southampton

Subscriptions are due for renewal by the end of March. Your renewal form is enclosed. Please check that details are correct and return it with your cheque made payable to Meon R.C. We have also included a tick box for volunteers, and hope that you will tick at least one box. On average we need each member to donate one day of his or her time to meet all our commitments so please do your share. Of course we would be delighted if you tick all the boxes!

### CLUB EQUIPMENT

Riders who represent the Club in official competitions are expected to wear Club colours and numnahs which are supplied on the day. Despite our best efforts some of this equipment goes astray every year, so if you were in a Club team last year please search your tackroom, lorry, dirty washing, and if you find anything return it to your team manager. Its all clearly marked Meon R.C. We have recently invested a considerable sum of the Club's money in a new set of numnahs, to be used for the first time at the Novice Indoor Show Jumping. If you receive one as a team member this year please take good care of it, and make sure it is returned at the end of the day. If people keep walking off with them we may have to start charging a deposit.

### ADDITIONS TO PROGRAMME

Since printing the enclosed programme, I have received dates for two other events you might like to add to your diary.

13 June- demonstration by Inside Out at Quob stables, Durlay. Tickets £15 adults; £10 children, from Carol Alford 01489 860114) or Rose Seagrave (07702 784933). In aid of Hampshire Air Ambulance.

5 July - Area 17 Horse Trials Qualifier, Larkhill (to be confirmed). We shall be running the Show Jumping phase of this event. If you can help please contact Barbara Wood, tel: 01489 877398; email: barbara@ashlands.me.uk. Expenses will be paid.

### ACCESS

Sarah Bray is collecting evidence for a bridleway claim at Hazelholt. If you have ridden this path regularly for two years or more over any period in the last 50 years, and would be willing to complete a user-evidence form please contact her. Tel: 01489 891919, sarah4horses@lineone.net.