



# MEON RIDING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

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### A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

The Arctic conditions are making life difficult for all of us at the moment, and seem likely to continue well into January. While it lasts we have to take each day as it comes and arrangements may be changed at short notice. Obviously we will try to let members know as soon as possible if this happens, so please check your emails regularly, and spread the news to other people who may be affected. There is usually someone around to answer the telephone number above, but use a long ring in case we are outside, This too will pass, and we hope the events in this Newsletter will go ahead without further disruption by the weather.

### WINTER DRESSAGE & RWHS RIDING TEST ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS, HAMSTEAD MARSHALL 31 JANUARY

We have entered two teams for the Dressage class, and will be represented in the Riding Test class by Carol Alford and Beejay Two, who qualified in Round 1 at the Chilworth Christmas Show. Well done, and good luck to them all

### NOVICE TEAMS INDOOR SHOW & RWHS ROUND 2 TOPSCORE QUALIFIERS CROFTON E.C. 6 FEBRUARY

Response from competitors wanting to be in our Novice Indoor Show Jumping team has been disappointing considering this is a home fixture. This is a two round competition at 80 and 85cm. If you can jump this height and are eligible for a novice class please contact Rachel Walker (tel:01962 773168; email:rwalker@guildford.ac.uk) who is desperate for team members! There will also be an individual warm-up class ( see enclosed schedule/Area 17 website )

which is open to all BRC members. We hope to be represented in the RWHS Round 2 Qualifier by Tom Naylor-Davis, Thea Gibbins and Anne Evans.

If you will not be riding on this day please come along and help us:- volunteers to Dick King, email:wheelers.farm@btinternet.co.uk; tel:01730 264178.

### PRE-SEASON DINNER

We are looking for a venue for this popular event, which is usually held in late March. We need somewhere easily accessible, with good parking and room to seat about 30-40. Obviously good, reasonably priced food is essential! If you can recommend anywhere please contact us as above.

### FESTIVAL OF THE HUNTER QUALIFIER, ROCKBOURNE. 18 APRIL

Following our success at the Festival of the Horse National Championships last year, we are now looking for volunteers for this year's Area 17 Qualifier to be held at Rockbourne on 18 April 2010 with the Championships held on 5/6 June 2010 at Aston-le-Walls. There are two levels:

**Novice** - The course will consist of seven to ten show jumps followed by eight to fifteen cross-country fences. Maximum height of XC fences is 0.9m (3ft) and the speed is 450 mpm.

**Open** - The course will consist of seven to ten show jumps followed by eight to fifteen cross-country fences. Maximum height of XC fences is 1.0m (3ft 3in) and the speed is 490 mpm.

We can enter teams of 4, individuals or pairs, so if you are confident and have been competing at either of these levels, please contact Andrea Bishop on 07917 098377, or email andrea@bishes.fsnet.co.uk."

### **CLUB OPEN DRESSAGE**

#### **PRIORY E.C. 26 APRIL**

Details of this have yet to be confirmed. We hope to send schedules out next month.

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL CAMP, LOWER PEAKE,**

#### **17-19 MAY**

Details of this are enclosed/on the Club website. This is one of the most popular fixtures on our programme, so please get your booking in early.

### **DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER**

#### **SPARSHOLT, 31 MAY**

Qualifiers are at both Novice and Elementary level. If you are interested in riding for the Club please contact Carol Alford, email:calford@hotmail.co.uk; tel:01489 860114. Please note the Championships this year will be Aintree, so if you qualify you will be committed to a long trip. If you are not prepared to do this there are usually non-qualifying classes on the schedule.

### **OTHER QUALIFIERS**

The Area 17 Horse Trials will be run at Moreton on 20 June. Dates for the Area Dressage and Show Jumping have not yet been announced.

### **TRAINING**

Show jumping sessions are due to start again on 22 January but will obviously be dependent on travelling conditions. Details were sent out previously, and are on the Club website.

Revised details of Dressage sessions with Rose Seagrave are enclosed, but are also liable to change. Ashlands is up a steep drive, and the outside arena freezes in sub-zero temperatures!

### **ACCESS**

Eastleigh Borough Council is currently carrying out an on-line equestrian survey. If you ride or keep your horse in this area please respond; your answers will affect local planning policies on all types of equestrian provision over the next few years, so its important you tell them what improvements you want them to make. Its no use complaining about decisions afterwards if you don't take your opportunity to contribute to the democratic process. You can find the survey on the EBC website; simply click on the 'Have your say' item on the homepage, and select the equestrian survey from the menu. Closing date for replies is 22 January. If you can't reply on line its a bit more complicated, but if you contact the Civic Offices, Leigh Road, SO50 9YN, tel: 01703 614646, they should be able to provide you with a paper copy.