



# MEON RIDING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

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## MAY 2010

### EVENTERS CHALLENGE SUCCESSES

Our representatives met with mixed fortunes at the Eventers Challenge Qualifier at Rockbourne, hosted by South Wilts. Riding Club on 18 April, though all came home with a rosette! Jackie Rixon, riding in the Novice team class on Colour me Danny, unfortunately made an error of course which led to elimination. The other team members, Fiona Emery (Layman), Chris-sie Hughes (Harry) and Barbara Wood (Seamus) all completed successfully, which put our team in fourth place. Barbara Wood gained the individual honours, and qualified for the Championships at Aston-le-Walls on 5 June. Sarah Pook (Balfours Bay) and Keri Barnjum (Cancool Rose) performed well together in the Pairs class, only just being beaten to the qualifying position. In the Open class, Claire Lewis, riding as an individual on Beckham jumped faultlessly to secure her place at the Championships, but Helen Vernon and Monaco Finale had a time-consuming argument, which relegated them to seventh place. Our thanks to all our competitors, and also to Andrea Bishop, the chef d'equipe for this day, and all those who went along to help our squad. We are also grateful to Dick King and Janet Irving, who did the scoring for this qualifier, as our contribution towards the organisation. Good luck to Barbara and Claire at Aston-le-Walls.

### OPEN DRESSAGE DAY RESULTS

Entries for this competition were disappointing, though whether this was because of the change of venue, or a general lack of Dressage competitors at the moment is impossible to say. The Intro. class was dropped completely, and judges rearranged for the other classes. As one of our judges was stuck in France because her flight had been grounded, this was in some ways a blessing in disguise! Perhaps our missing competitors were also stranded by volcanic ash? For those who did make it to Priory E.C we had a lovely day, and virtually everyone went home with a rosette and our gratitude for their support.

The top honours went to:-

Prelim. 12

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| 1* Georgina Marks   | Troika          |
| 2. Caroline Shenton | Callum          |
| 3. Kirstie Hurst    | Rikas Freelandr |

(\* indicates Best MRC member)

Novice 24

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| 1. Annie Denton | Malingold Mercury |
| 2* Fiona Emery  | Layman            |
| 3. Kate Smith   | Just Todd         |

Prelim. 15

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| 1 Annabel Whittet | Rogan Rum Jungle     |
| 2. Louise Sawdy   | Claybrooke Sandstorm |
| 3* Georgina Marks | Troika               |

Novice 39

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| 1. Annabel Whittet | Rogan Rum Jungle  |
| 2* Helen Denton    | Silver Samurai    |
| 3. Annie Denton    | Malingold Mercury |

Elementary 45

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| 1* Helen Denton | Silver Samurai |
| 2. Sandra Smith | Easter Requiem |
| 3. Brenda King  | Jocasta II     |

Full results are on the MRC website.

Lots of helpers came forward for this event, and I'm not sure who was actually there on the day, but a great big thank you to everyone. The brunt of the organisation was carried out by Andrea Bishop, who is now taking a well-earned rest to enjoy her own horse. Many thanks to her for all her hard work for the Club during April. A jacket was left in the Secretary's' office on this day. If its yours please ring Andrea on 01489 894227

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### NON-RESIDENTIAL CAMP LOWER PEAKE

**17-19 MAY**

Due to cancellation, one space has become available in group jumping up to 2'9". Could be divided into separate days for members who can't do all three. Please contact Penny Briggs if interested. 01730 892297

## **DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER**

### **SPARSHOLT, 31 MAY**

We have entered three competitors in this, and wish them the best of luck. There are some individual Dressage classes on the schedule, which can be found on the HRRC website.

## **HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER, MORETON**

### **20 JUNE**

We have insufficient volunteers to make up teams at any level at present, but its not too late to come forward if you would like to represent us. Contact Penny Briggs email:woolmerlodge@yahoo.co.uk; tel:01730 892297

## **SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER, PINKMEAD**

### **26 JUNE**

Volunteers have also been slow in coming forward for this competition. This is much closer to home, so if you are now getting out and jumping reasonably well Rachel Walker would like to hear from you! Expressing an interest does not commit you to competing but we do need to know how many people are interested in order to know what entries to make. You can contact Rachel by email at rwalker@guildford.ac.uk or by 'phone on 01962 773168 There is also a non-qualifying warm-up class which is open to all BRC members. The schedule is on the Area 17 website.

## **OPEN CROSS-COUNTRY AND SHOW JUMPING,**

### **FAIR OAK 4 JULY**

Your schedule for this is enclosed/on the MRC website. We need lots of entries for this, so please help us publicise it if you can. We shall also need lots of help, so if you can come along and assist with the prior preparations on the previous morning, or spend a few hours on the day stewarding or fence judging please let Fiona Emery know. Tel:01243 371368; mobile:07810 834398.

## **SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS**

Thanks to all of you who have returned the renewal forms sent out last month. You should have received your membership card for 2010. If we have not received your renewal, a reminder is enclosed. If we do not receive your renewal by 31 May, your name will be removed from our membership list, and you will not be eligible to compete in Area competitions. If you have any queries please contact the Treasurer Dick King, email:wheelers.farm@btinternet.com; tel:01730 264178.

## **ACCESS**

Riders are often treated less favourably than other highway users, and various initiatives have been launched to try and end this discrimination. Please help by responding to the two below:-

**The Forestry Commission England** often charges riders for permits, particularly in Southern England, whereas walkers and cyclists can use their facilities (which are publicly owned or leased with public money) free of charge. If you would like to help end this discrimination you will need a postcard produced by the BHS - say NO to permits for equestrians - which has been distributed with their publications, or can be obtained from the BHS website or from the BHS office, 01926 707700. This has to be sent to your local MP, so wait for the election results to be declared! Anyone can do this; you don't need to be a BHS or BRC member.

**Cycle paths** are another publicly funded resource, which could help riders to avoid traffic. In most cases there is no reason why horses should not use them, though you should give way to cyclists, but this is not a recognised right, and you may well be accused of causing conflict with othe users. Any conflict with a walker or cyclist is preferable to conflict with a motor vehicle, and could be avoided if riders were given equal rights on these paths. The Trails Trust has launched a petition asking for legislation to ensure all non-motorised users are treated equally. You can sign up to this at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Access4All/>. 100 000 signatories are needed before September to get this proposal onto the agenda for the following Parliamentary session. If you want to find out more about The Trails Trust they have a new website at [www.thetrailstrust.org.uk](http://www.thetrailstrust.org.uk)