



# MEON RIDING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BRC HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **ASTON-LE-WALLS, 6-8 AUGUST 2010**

(report by Team Manager Andrea Bishop)

Once again we were off to Aston-le-Walls for another championship – this time the Novice Horse Trials Team. Following the Qualifier, Sharon Ede had decided that the event would be too much for her horse and Barbara Wood agreed to ride in her place. Unfortunately a couple of days before the event, Sophia Halder's horse was injured in the field and we were reduced to a team of three (Barbara Wood on Simply Seamus; Chrissie Hughes on Just Harry and Ony Rogers on Dollar) with no time to arrange another reserve.

However the Meon team and helpers all arrived safely on the Friday afternoon and the riders decided to ride around the Roads and Tracks to familiarise themselves with the course and loosen the horses up after the journey. Then having settled the horses in their boxes, and walked the show jumping course, we all set about doing our bit for team spirit with excellent chilli and lasagne provided by Barbara with accompaniments provided by everyone else and a few glasses of wine just to steady the nerves!!

The dressage and show jumping were on the Saturday. Barbara did an excellent test finishing the day in the lead in her arena, and Ony did a good steady test. Chrissie was a little disappointed with Harry's performance as she knows he can do better (when she can carry a whip!). However, all three of them show jumped clear with only Ony picking up five time penalties.

They all decided to ride the Roads and Tracks again that evening but Barbara returned early, really worried about Seamus, saying that he just seemed to have no energy. We all went to bed after another very sociable evening, but with Barbara really wondering if Seamus would be up to the arduous events of the Sunday. However, her fears were unfounded when we walked into the stable lines in the morning to be greeted by Seamus looking bright eyed again. Barbara's and Ony's starting times for the Roads

& Tracks were quite close together, so it was a busy period with both their "crews" in the ten minute box before the start of the cross country. Barbara completed the Roads and Tracks and the Steeplechase phases without penalty, and only picked up a few time penalties on the cross country. Unfortunately, Dollar ducked out of the second part of a double, unseating Ony who quickly remounted and finished the course, but with only three team members we were unable to discard her score, so the team was obviously out of contention. Chrissie and Harry performed excellently through the Roads and Tracks, Steeplechase and Cross country finishing with just a few penalties, which partly made up for her disappointment in the dressage.

Although the team finished well down the placings, Barbara was placed an excellent third in her arena and was also presented with a beautiful exercise rug and rosette for being the highest placed "Over 45" competitor - otherwise referred to by our BRC Chairman as the "galloping granny prize"!! Well done to all our competitors and thanks to our many helpers who made this a most enjoyable weekend.

### **CLUB FUN SHOW, POLLY GLOVERS**

**30 AUGUST**

After days of heavy rain, amazingly the Sun came out for the August Bank Holiday weekend, and we had perfect conditions for this event. The new eventers' challenge classes proved popular, and the inclusion of teams helped stimulate a competitive, though friendly, atmosphere with spectators cheering on their team members. The Trec style Handy Pony course was also popular with both competitors and spectators, and raised £60 for WorldHorseWelfare. We would have liked more entries for the ridden show classes, but the judges were friendly and helpful to those in the ring, who were mostly complete novices, so we hope this will have been a useful experience for them.

The class winners were:-

**Show Jumping:** 2'0" Hannah Carmichael (Comet);  
2'3" Helen Martin (Chalky)  
\*Best MRC Jodie Wilde (Swift Brook Flight)  
2'6" \*Rosie Geaves (Poppet)  
2'9" Louise Gregory (Murphy)  
3'0" \* Mike Stone (Prince)

### **Working Hunters**

Mountain & Moorland: Anna Durford (Shanni)  
Small Hunter: Penni Harrison (Tolkiens Trilogy)  
\* Jodie Wilde

Working Cob: Penni Harrison

Large Hunter: \*Daniel Searle (Shady Oaks Elizabeth)

Working Hunter Champion: Daniel Searle

**Eventers' Challenge:** 2'3" Becky Edwards (Lucy Too)  
2'6" \*Debbie Dean (Chablis)  
2'9" Sarah Williams (Wiets)  
\* Mike Stone

Team Challenge: Team Bay - Amy Dyer (Edward March); Sophie Glennon (Bobby); Sophie Glennon; Jack Jennings (Ellie)

### **Ridden Show:**

Veteran: Nicola Ross (Kilkennys Solitaire)  
M & M Large: Joanna Lunn (Skippy)  
TB/part-TB : Harriet Manchester (Fabulous Tom)  
Cob: Yvonne Little (Victor)  
Coloured: Penni Harrison (Tolkiens Trilogy)

Ridden Champion: Penni Harrison

Meon R.C. Champion: Daniel Searle

**Handy Pony:** Sec. A:- Helen Martin; Sec. B- Ellen McGibbon; Sec. C:- Jacqui Peterson

Full results are shown on the Club website.

To put on this sort of show involves a lot of work both in preparing the site, and in clearing everything away afterwards, so very many thanks to all the members and supporters who helped. Without them we could not have put it on. Thanks also to the owner of Polly Glovers, Helen Marsh, for allowing us to use this beautiful site, and for providing a lot of assistance. We also had lots of volunteers participating on the day to ensure everything ran smoothly and safely. They were provided with an excellent lunch by Penny Briggs, and we all had an enjoyable day.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

September looks like being a pretty busy month. Our jumping team members have been plagued by illness and injury this Summer, but I think we have four fit and well to go to Blenheim for the Eventers' Challenge on 9 September. Our best wishes for a successful day; come home sound!

Sadly, our Style team could not take up their qualifying place for the BRC Championships, so we will not be represented at Lincoln this year.

Thirteen members have booked places for the resi-

dential camp, which this year will be held from 21st. to 24th. Sept. at Wellington Riding, Heckfield,

### **OPEN HUNTER TRIAL, IPING, SAT. 18 SEPT.**

Your schedule for this was sent out last month/ is on the Club website. Please get your entry in if you have not already done so. We need lots of entries, so if there isn't a notice in your local tack shop please download one and stick it up. We do put out hundreds of flyers and schedules, but there is always someone who contacts us afterwards claiming they haven't seen one. This event is in West Sussex, and most members live west of the A3, so we are short of contacts in the local area. If you can provide any please contact Penny Briggs, email: woolmerlodge@yahoo.co.uk; tel: 01730 892279.

### **RWHS ROUND ONE TOPSCORE QUALIFIER**

#### **2 OCTOBER**

Chilworth R.C has kindly invited us to share their qualifying competition. The highest placed MRC member will qualify for Round Two, so if you are interested in having a go please download schedule from Chilworth website, or send sae to:- Mrs. M.Hancock, 56, The Thicket, Whitenap, Romsey, SO51 5SZ.

### **CLUB AGM, MEON HALL**

#### **WED. 20 OCT. 7.15P.M.**

An agenda for this will be sent out next month. If you have any items you would like included please contact the Secretary. We shall be looking for nominations for Committee members for 2010/11, so please consider if you could be of service, or know someone else suitable for the job. We shall also be looking for ideas for future activities - practical suggestions only please. As usual this meeting will double as an end-of-season social, so please put it in your diary as we want to see as many members as possible there. Partners and friends welcome.

### **ACCESS**

Riders in the Allington Lane area of Eastleigh have set up a group, to be known as the West End Countryside Access Group, to lobby for improved off-road riding facilities in their area. There are two main proposals; firstly to complete the bridleway link between Itchen Valley Country Park and Manor Farm Country Park, Botley, and secondly to open up a path running alongside the Itchen Navigation from Mansbridge to Bishopstoke, and thence to Stoke Park Woods. Obviously these could be used in the opposite direction, so would be available to riders from outside the immediate area of the group. If you would like to support these proposals a petition has been launched - look for copies in your local tack shops, and on the Club website. Further details from Trudy Wilcocks (trudy\_wilcocks@hotmail.com) or the Secretary.