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NEWSLETTER

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AREA 17 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER

We entered three teams for this competition which was held at Gillingham and Shaftesbury Showground on Sunday 19 June 2011 - organised by Shillingstone Riding Club. They were:-

Style Team: Sarah Pook/Balfour's Bay, Helen Vernon/Monaco Finale, Mike Stone/Prince, Chrissy Hughes/Harry (Team 2nd; Chrissy Hughes individual 5th.)

Intermediate Team: Debbie Dean/Chablis, Jenny Naylor-Davis/Border First Light, Helen Vernon/Monaco Finale, Mike Stone/Prince (Team 2nd. Jenny Naylor-Davis individual 2nd. and Debbie Dean 3rd.)

Novice Team: Jackie Rixon/Colour Me Danny, Sarah Jennings/The Rubicon, Chrissy Hughes/Harry, Laura Macarthy/Somernight's Dream. (Team 6th.)

Sarah Pook was a wonderful Chef d'Equipe on the day as I had to be elsewhere and she, Helen, Debbie, Laura and Ellen McGibbon filled the required helpers' slots which was really kind of them. Only the winning team qualified for the Championships so we just missed out but were certainly a force to be reckoned with so well done our teams. (contributed by Chef d'Equipe Penny Briggs)

Team member Sarah Pook adds: This was an excellent venue with good going, big warm ups, lorry park next to the arenas and a very good refreshment caravan which served huge bacon sandwiches to Mike Stone's delight!. The style and intermediate ring was a good size with well built courses, but the novice arena was a bit cramped with some spooky fences off tight turns.

The style team went first with Sarah, Helen, Mike and Chrissy riding against four other teams. Three clear rounds followed and all completed looking as classy as we expect of Meon, who hold a good record in this event. As usual NFPE produced four immaculate ponies and stole first place, with Meon second and Chrissy fifth individually.

Then onto the intermediate, Helen, Mike, Debbie and Jenny competing against Isle of Wight as the only other team. The first round finished tight with both teams on three clears. The second round was even tighter as both teams found the bigger course more challenging with fences down and refusals. The team competition finished with Meon losing by 4 faults overall. Then Jenny and Debbie jumped off for the individual coming second and third respectively. Team photo and plenty of rosettes followed!

Meanwhile the novice team, Chrissy, Jackie, Laura and Sarah were fighting it out against nine other teams in

the other arena. Again the first round saw them well positioned with three clears. The second round was the decider and no one will forget Laura's huge grin after jumping the biggest fences of her competitive career with just four faults. Chrissy finished on a double clear and the team finished in tied fifth place, getting sixth on overall time in the second round. The end of a long day, and facing a tricky journey back avoiding Stonehenge, off we set - all heading home with rosettes!

HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER SUCCESS

Again we entered three teams, but none was up to strength on the day. The **Novice** team ended up as two individuals:-

Jenny Naylor-Davis (Border First Light)	3rd in Sec.. A
Chrissy Hughes (Harry)	8th in Sec. B

In the **Intermediate** class we had a team of three, who all performed well to finish second. They were:-

Anne Evans (Kilcotty Jim)	4th
Helen Vernon (Monaco Finale)	2nd
Mike Stone (Prince)	8th

We also had a team of three in the **Open** class, who went well to take the qualifying place:-

Steffi Dampney (Speed of Sound)	6th
Julia Batho (Hippy)	5th
Rebecca Sporne (Semillion)	4th

Following the competition Bourne Valley who had won the Intermediate class withdrew from the Championships, leaving us in the qualifying position. Fortunately we have been able to bring some riders into the team who were not available for the Larkhill qualifier, so we now have a full team. They will be:-

Anne Evans on Kilcotty Jim
Helen Vernon on Monaco Finale
Becky Sporne on Moonshine
Holly Budge on Hamberlyns Boy

On the down side, Julia Batho's horse went lame after the qualifier, so we were left with just two Open competitors. These have combined with two Bourne Valley riders, and they will compete as an Area 17 team. They are:-

Steffi Dampney on Speed of Sound (Meon)
Becky Sporne on Semillion (Meon)
Gemma Izod on Tully Bear (Bourne Valley)
Laura Saxon on Irish Magic (Bourne Valley)

Chef d'equipe, Andrea Bishop has put in a huge amount of work, both to get competitors and helpers organised for

the qualifier, and afterwards to get these two teams together for the Championships at Aston Le Walls from 4-7 August. Unfortunately Joy Daborn, one of our helpers for this event, is in hospital following a bad fall. We desperately need a replacement, preferably someone who could write for a Dressage judge. Please contact Andrea Bishop, tel:01489 894227; email:andea@bishes.fsnet.co.uk if you think you can help. Our good wishes to Joy for what looks like being a lengthy recovery.

AREA DRESSAGE QUALIFIER **17TH JULY, BROADLANDS.**

Laura Macarthy unfortunately made an error in our preliminary entry, and was mortified when it was not accepted. The organisers, Chilworth Riding Club, kindly offered to accept Hors Concours entries for our three teams, so the following had the chance to represent the Club.

Novice Dressage Team (Prelim 12):

Kellie Neighbour (Penstrubylum Lowri)	66.8%
Brenda King (By Appointment)	62.4%
Georgina Davidge (Yaz)	48.4%
Veronica Wilson (Black Betty)	63.2%

Open Dressage Team :

Helen Vernon (Monaco Finale)	N.24	62.69%
Jane McGibbon (Haywood Man)	N 28	58.75%
Aimee Barnard (Mr Maverick)	N 34	58.33%
Sarah Pook (Balfours Bay)	E 45	65.17%

(N = Novice; E= Elementary)

Riding Test Team

Kellie Neighbour (Penstrubylum Lowri)	RT11	61.5%
Veronica Wilson (Black Betty)	RT11	54.0%
Helen Vernon (Monaco Finale)	RT 13	67.89%
Sarah Pook (Balfours Bay)	RT13	65.79%

Helen Vernon would have been 7th. in her arena. The team scoring is somewhat complicated and depends on rank order. As we were left out of this, it would be difficult to work out where we would have ended up if we had been competing, but we certainly wouldn't have qualified. Laura's inadvertent mistake saved us the preliminary entry fee, but we still had a good day out so all is forgiven ! Thanks to our teams for their sportmanship in agreeing to ride HC, and to the supporters who helped the teams on the day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TEAMS OF THREE, HICKSTEAD, 31 JULY

We have entered two teams for this:, viz:

Meon Gold: Jackie Rixon/Colour me Danny; Keri Barnjum/Emily; Steffi Dampney/Speed of Sound;
Meon Black: Rachel Chubb/Folder Lover; Katharine Hartington/Charlie; Steve Reddings/Faith.

This is not a qualifier, but a good opportunity for competitors to experience the atmosphere of a major event.

BLenheim EVENTERS CHALLENGE, 9 SEPT.

Some of the competitors who volunteered for this originally have had problems, so we are looking for possible sub

stitutes. For further information please contact Barbara Wood, tel: 01489 877398; email: barbara@ashlands.me.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WARNFORD VILLAGE HALL 27 OCTOBER

New Committee members have come up with lots of ideas on how the Club should develop in the future, and want to know what you think of them, so please make a note of this date in your diary. If you have any ideas of your own you would like to put forward for discussion please send them to the Secretary (contact details on masthead). More details next month.

HUNTER TRIALS, IPING, 8 OCT.

Your schedule for this is enclosed/on the Club website.

This event takes loads of helpers mainly for fence judges, but also for a variety of stewarding jobs. We are treating this as a rehearsal and training session for running the Area Festival of the Hunter Qualifier next year, so if you have never volunteered to help before this is a good place to start and learn a job - no previous experience necessary! We are particularly trying to build up a team to help the scorer and keep the scoreboard up to date; would suit someone who is happy working with figures and has tidy writing. Volunteers please to Penny Briggs, tel:01730 892207; email:woolmerlodge@yahoo.co.uk

MARK DAVIES INJURED RIDERS' FUND

We started collecting for this excellent charity earlier in the year, but so far have raised only a paltry £20! Chrissy Hughes is now taking over as our fund raiser, so expect to see it promoted more vigorously from now on. To start with we are asking competitors at Iping to donate the £2 deposits on their number cloths to the fund; if non-competitors who just come along for a free day out would like to make a small contribution please go along to the Secretary's tent where it will be gratefully received. Better still if anyone would like to help by rattling a collection tin for half an hour or so, please contact Chrissy, tel:023 8045 6821; email: avmh14@dsl.pipex.com We started with a target of £1 per member, so need another £100 to reach that, but I think Chrissy has bigger ideas, so please support her.

TRAINING

Training sessions are now taking a Summer break. New programmes will be available next month for the Autumn session.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We were unable to supply membership cards to a few members who paid subscriptions in the last couple of months, as we did not receive a sufficient supply from the BRC office. Sorry it has taken so long to get some more, but you should all now have received one; if not, please contact the Secretary.