



SID AND OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

The Committee would like to wish all our members a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year!

AGM

The AGM was held on Friday 25th November 2016 at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club and we had a great turnout and lots of new faces. We had a very informative talk by Sophie Richardson who travelled to the Rio Olympics as a groom and it was great to hear about her experiences. Annual trophies were awarded as follows:-

- Best Junior – Annie Mingo and Snowglow Jewel
- Senior Team Horse of the Year – Primitive Roc (Di Guest)
- Junior Team Horse of the Year – Snowglow Jewel (Annie Mingo)
- Riding Club Horse of the Year – Il Marinaio (Jo Lee)
- Most helpful non committee member – Marion Pascoe
- Best Senior XC round at a Championship – Di Guest and Primitive Roc
- Junior XC Performance of the year - Mo Maunder and Cosmo
- Senior SJ Performance of the year – Heidi Rose and Pixie Dust
- Members Shield from the Open Show – Ellie Hussey and Nightfury
- Members Open Show dressage champion – Cheryl Beer and A Dazzling Turn
- Senior Winter Dressage Champion – Mercedes Pemberton-Finch and Hippity Hoy
- Senior Winter Dressage Reserve Champion – Jo Lee and Il Marinaio
- Junior Winter Dressage Champion – Annie Mingo and Snowglow Jewel
- Junior Winter Dressage Reserve Champion – Harrison Oakley and Shanroe Sentiment
- Tom Smith Memorial Trophy for the best performance by a Senior – Anne Hand and Burgundy Boy
- Special achievement award senior – Sam Barnard
- Special achievement award junior – Millie Pring
- Lifetime achievement award – Daphne Pemberton

This year we also had prizes kindly donated by Retaining of Racehorses (ROR) and prize winners were:-

- Dressage – Jo Lee (Il Marinaio), Sarah Hitchings (Alformasi) and Helen Springett (Midnight Ruby)
- Showing – Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Zimho)
- Horse Trials – Helen Springett (Midnight Ruby)
- Overall Points Champion – Helen Springett (Midnight Ruby)
- Reserve Points Champion – Jo Lee (Il Marinaio)

BEACH RIDE - Change of date

This is now being held on Sunday 11th December 2016 at Exmouth beach. Meet at Maer Car Park, Exmouth for 8.45am to move off at 9am. If you are interested in attending please contact Jo Lee so she has an idea of numbers. joannalee83@hotmail.com or 07967 789661.

NEW YEAR MEAL

Don't forget our New Year meal is being held on Friday 13th January 2017 at the Thirsty Farmer, Whimple, at 7.30pm for 8pm. Friends and family are more than welcome and a menu is enclosed. Please note the price includes coffees but not mince pies. Please return your preferred choices and payment to Cheryl Beer, The Granary, Higher Cobden Farm, Whimple, Nr Exeter, Devon EX5 2PZ by no later than 1st January 2017. Cheques should be made payable to SOVRC. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other club members without horses in tow and have a bit of festive New Year fun! We hope you can join us!

We will also be holding a charity raffle at the meal in aid of Devon Air Ambulance and would be grateful for any prizes that anyone would like to donate.

WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

Looking forward to 2017, the Winter Dressage series will be taking place at Bicton College and a schedule is attached. Entries can be done via Equo Events – www.equoevents.co.uk. We will again be holding qualifiers for the Badminton Dressage Championships in the March competition. There is a fantastic trophy for both the Senior and Junior horse and rider combination who gain the most points over the three dates, which are as follows:-

- **22nd January 2017**
- **19th February 2017**
- **26th March 2017**

TRAINING

We will be holding flatwork training with Tyler Bradshaw at Bicton College from January to March. Cost will be £30.00 per person for 1 hour in pairs. Bookings can now be done online via Equo Events, www.equoevents.co.uk. Please state if there is someone you would particularly like to share with. If you do not have access to the internet please contact Sarah Hitchings directly as per the contact details below. Please make sure you do your booking as soon as possible as places fill up quickly! Dates are as follows:-

- **8th January 2017**
- **5th February 2017**
- **5th March 2017**

A reminder that if you have to withdraw for whatever reason you will be expected to still pay for the lesson unless your space can be filled from the waiting list.

TEAMS

Winter Novice Dressage Qualifier

The qualifiers for 2017 have started already! The Winter Novice Dressage Qualifier was held at Kings Sedgemoor Equestrian Centre on Sunday 6th November 2016. We had a number of teams entered as follows:-

Stars: Annie Mingo, (Snowslow Jewell)2nd, Millie Pring (Nikita Thibergere) 1st George Bolt (UC Cavaloon)2nd, and Harrison Oakley (Shanroe Sentiment) 5th. Annie, Millie and Harrison were making their debut as seniors for next year and made an excellent start by winning the qualifying sections and coming 2nd overall, out of about 20 teams.

Stripes: They were hot on their heels - Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippityhoy) 2nd, Jo Lee (Il Marinaio), Lisa Southwell (Typhoo's Golden Turn) 5th and Cheryl Beer (A Dazzling Turn) 6th. They came 2nd in the qualifier and 3rd overall. Both teams have qualified for the Novice championships in April which is a great start to the 2017 qualifiers!

Swirls: Heidi Rose (Pixie Dust), Cameron Beer (Southstone Legacy) 6th, Nicola Morrison (Homebrew) and Vicky Stilton (Wiscombe Saffron) 6th.

Dots: Non-qualifying team - Jo Lee (Royal Promise), Katie House (Dancing At Dawn), Sarah Hitchings (Alformasi) and Di Guest (Primitive Roc) 6th. Unfortunately these two teams were out of the placings.

We also had Erica Pearce (Justin All Fools Day) riding in the Prelim as an individual and in the Novice individual we had Anne Hand (Burgundy Boy) who came 3rd in the warm up class.

Well done to everyone who took part.

2017 Area 12 Team Qualifier Dates

The dates of some of the Area 12 Team qualifiers have now been issued as follows:-

- **7th January 2017 - Winter Novice & Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier at Kings Sedgemoor EC**
- **26th February 2017 - FOTH Eventers Challenge at Pontispool**
- **TBC - FOTH Combined Training**

If you are interested in being on a team for any of these events please contact the relevant team co-ordinators - Jo Lee (Seniors) on email: joannalee83@hotmail.com or 07967 789661 or Holly Mingo (Juniors) by email on mandh_mingo@talktalk.net as soon as possible to register your interest as we need to send in prelim entries approx one month beforehand.

Please state whether you are able to ride at the relevant championship should your team qualify. We are able to enter non qualifying teams as well so please let your team co-ordinator know.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE!

Subs are now due for those of you who have not forwarded them already. We are now accepting membership via Equo Events so please go onto www.equoevents.co.uk to renew your membership as soon as possible. Subs have been kept the same for 2017 and for those who have joined recently these will be carried forward.

SOVRC DIARY DATES 2017
(Provisional and subject to change)

7th January 2017 – Area 12 Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier at Kings Sedgemoor EC

8th January 2017 – Flatwork training session with Tyler Bradshaw at Bicton College

13th January 2017 – New Year Meal at the Thirsty Farmer, Whimple.

22nd January 2017 – Winter Dressage Series at Bicton College

5th February 2017 – Flatwork training session with Tyler Bradshaw at Bicton College

19th February 2017 – Winter Dressage Series at Bicton College

26th February 2017 – FOTH Eventers Challenge Qualifier at Pontispool

5th March 2017 – Flatwork training session with Tyler Bradshaw at Bicton College

TBC 2017 – Area 12 Combined Training Qualifier

26th March 2017 – Winter Dressage series at Bicton College

1st & 2nd April 2017 – Novice Winter Championships, The College EC

16th April 2017 – Area 12 Intermediate Dressage Qualifier at Kings Sedgemoor EC

28th – 30th April 2017 – Intermediate Winter Championships at Bury Farm

30th April 2017 – SOVRC One Day Event, Bicton Arena

TBC 2017 – Area 12 Dressage to Music Qualifier at Kingston Maurward College

TBC 2017 – Festival of the Horse Championships at Aston-Le-Walls

11th June 2017 – Area 12 Horse Trial Qualifier, Bicton Arena

TBC 2017 – Area 12 Summer Dressage & Showjumping Qualifier at Chard Equestrian

13th – 16th July 2017 – SOVRC Camp at Pontispool

4th – 6th August 2017 – Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park

TBC August 2017 – SOVRC BBQ

TBC August 2017 – SOVRC Open Show

2nd & 3rd September 2017 – National Championships at Lincoln Showground

29th September - 1 October 2017 – Dressage to Music Championships and Quadrille Selection at Bury Farm