

# **SID AND OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017**

Happy New Year to all our members! We have lots of exciting events coming up this year and we look forward to seeing you at some of them!

### **QUIZ**

Our annual quiz will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 4, family and friends welcome and a nominal cost of £2.00 per person for venue hire. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. This year's questions will be set by the Cobden Cobblers who are Cheryl Beer, Daphne Pemberton, Mercedes Pemberton-Finch, Kate Kennedy, Anne Keynes and Lisa Southwell! It really is a fun evening so if you would like to come along and test your brains please email Karen Oakley on [karen.saltbox@gmail.com](mailto:karen.saltbox@gmail.com) or phone 07798 844087 so we have an idea of numbers.

### **EAST DEVON HUNT BALL – SOVRC TABLE**

We will be having 2 tables for Sid & Otter members at the East Devon Hunt Ball. This should be a great evening and if you would like to come along and join us you are more than welcome! Tickets are £45 per person.

### **WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES**

A reminder that our Winter Dressage shows are taking place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Bickton College. Schedules were sent out with the last newsletter or can be found on the Equo Events website as well as the SOVRC website. We hope you are able to come along and support whether riding or on foot as a helper!

### **CAMP**

Please find attached a booking form for Camp for those who have not already put their deposit down. For those who have paid their deposits there is the option to change your arrival day should you wish. All details are included in the attached letter, which will need to be returned to Jo Lee as soon as possible, either via email on [joannalee83@hotmail.com](mailto:joannalee83@hotmail.com) or by sending to her at 12 Badger Close, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1XG. This year Camp runs from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and there are not many spaces left!

### **ONE DAY EVENT**

A reminder that our One Day Event is being held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Bickton Arena so make a date in your diaries. Schedules will be issued shortly and you can enter via Equo Events. As usual we will need a band of helpers both beforehand to set up and on the actual day itself. As you can imagine there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to run these events so if you are able to spare some time to help it would be very much appreciated.

### **TRAINING**

#### **Flatwork**

A reminder that we have two further flatwork training sessions scheduled for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Bickton College with Tyler Bradshaw. Numbers were a little down for the January training session but the feedback from those who attended was very positive! Training can be booked via Equo Events [www.equoevents.co.uk](http://www.equoevents.co.uk) or by contacting Sarah Hitchings directly on 07747 127358.

#### **Showjumping**

We are hoping to run some showjumping training on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Higher Cobden Farm, Whimple. Trainer to be confirmed. Cost will be £15 in groups of 3 or 4. Please book via the Equo Events website [www.equoevents.co.uk](http://www.equoevents.co.uk) or if you do not have access to the internet please phone Sarah Hitchings on 07747 127358.

We will be looking at running XC training in the spring once the courses open and we know the ground is dry enough!

## **TEAMS**

### **Area 12 Novice and Intermediate Showjumping**

This was held at Kings Sedgemoor on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017, which was quite early in the season as no one had really got going after Xmas! The course initially did not seem too bad however it soon became clear that it was not going to be straightforward! We had one Senior Novice team consisting of Nicola Bywood (Home Brew), Annie Mingo (Snowglow Jewel), Alice Derryman (Widlake Mr Drizzle) and Heidi Rose (Pixie Dust). Unfortunately the team were out of luck on this occasion.

We also had a Junior Novice team consisting of Evie Willmington (Wiscombe Redeemer), Anna Stillwell (Zephyr) and India Johns (Rosstown Hero) who all did brilliantly to finish 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done!

In the Intermediate qualifier we had 2 Senior teams. The Stripes consisted of Katie House (Atalantas Avatar), George Bolt (Master Liam), Nicky Bywood (Tiger Lilli) and Immy Carter (Ardo Z). They put in a great performance to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Stars consisted of George Bolt (UC Cavaloon), Charlotte Radley (Little M), Caitlin Astley-Jones (Fonnic) and Alice Derryman (Conrod). Again some good rounds jumped by the team and they finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Individually Charlotte jumped brilliantly to win the individual qualifier. She now qualifies for the Championships. Well done!

### **Area 12 Intermediate Dressage Qualifier**

Unfortunately the date for this has been moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 which clashes with our winter dressage! Sadly we were unable to pull together enough people for a team so we will not be sending any to this event.

The next **Area 12 Qualifiers and Events** for 2017 are as follows:-

- **Festival of The Horse Eventers Challenge Qualifier** is being held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Pontispool.
- **Combined Training Qualifier** - To be confirmed – watch this space!
- **Rising Stars Dressage** - Inter Riding Club Dressage competition being held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at The Conquest Centre, Nr Taunton.
- **Dressage to Music Qualifier** – this is being held at Kingston Maurward College on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- **Horse Trials Qualifier** – this is being hosted by Sid & Otter Valley RC and will be held at Bicton Arena on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. There will be Senior and Junior Novice, Intermediate and Open teams.
- **Dressage and Showjumping Qualifier** – To be confirmed – watch this space!
- **Rising Stars Dressage & Showjumping** – to be held at Kings Sedgemoor on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017
- **West Somerset and Devon Dressage Championships** – these will be held at Kings Sedgemoor EC on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Qualifying events will be held by Riding Clubs throughout the year.

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](mailto:joannalee83@hotmail.com) or 07967 789661 or Holly Mingo (Juniors) by email on [mandh\\_mingo@talktalk.net](mailto: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. Also please ensure your vaccinations are up to date and within the required timescales!

**SUBS FINAL REMINDER!**

This is a final reminder to those who have not forwarded their membership subs to do so as soon as possible otherwise this will be your last newsletter and you will be removed from the mailing list! You can now renew your membership via Equo Events. Just change the end date to 31 December 2017 and the membership option should come up.