

SID AND OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

We have had lots happening over the last couple of months and have a busy couple of months ahead! Hopefully you have been able to get out and about with your horses. We have an action packed summer ahead of us and we hope to see you at some of our forthcoming events.

QUIZ

This was held back on the 6th April 2018 at Ottery St Mary Cricket club and we had a good turnout. Our thanks go to last year's winners – Anne Hand, Jo Lee, Claire Webber and Heidi Rose for setting the questions. This year's winners were the Dressage Divas, who are Karen Oakley, Debbie Summerfield, Mandy Parkinson and Alison Nicolls. Congratulations! They now have the pleasure of setting the questions for next year!

WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

The final competition in the series was run on the 25th March 2018 and we had some really good entries. The overall Senior Champion and winner of the Mugwump Trophy was George Bolt and UC Cavaloon. George was also Reserve Champion with his other horse Asparagus. The Junior Champion was Alaya Arden on Dowhills Stan The Man and Reserve Champion was Ella Albutt on Wottonheath Jet. Congratulations!

ONE DAY EVENT – 20th May 2018 - CANCELLED

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our One Day Event due to a lack of entries, which we feel may be linked to the recent weather and clashing with a number of other events. We do, however, have the Area 12 Horse Trials which we are running on the 10th June 2018. Further details are below.

EVENING DEMO – AN INTRODUCTION TO CONNECTED RIDING – 23rd May 2018

We are able to offer a unique opportunity to watch an evening demo with Peggy Cummings entitled An Introduction to Connected Riding. Riding and groundwork techniques will be demonstrated together with the benefits this fantastic approach can achieve.

The demo is being held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 between 7 – 9pm at Springfield Farm, Tower Road, Honiton, EX14 9TW. Light refreshments available from 6pm. Please bring your own chair. To book your place please contact Clare on 07980 607964 or cla2lee@sky.com

AREA 12 HORSE TRIALS – 10th June 2018

As mentioned, we are also running the Area 12 Horse Trial Qualifier on Sunday 10th June 2018 at Bicton Arena. Please spare an hour or two to help or if you know someone who is able to spare some time to help on the day let us know! We will also be setting up on the Friday before at 6pm and again would really appreciate any help that you can offer. Entries are through your team organiser.

BBQ AND BAND – 23rd JUNE 2018

We will be holding a club BBQ on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at 7pm courtesy of Karen and Neil Oakley. This will be held at Saltbox Cottage, Awliscombe and there will also be music provided by local band 'Red Hot and Rocking'! This is a great opportunity to socialise without horses in tow so come along for a relaxed and friendly evening. Bring your own food and drink. Friends and family welcome. Please let Karen know if you would like to come so we have an idea of numbers and if you need directions (karen.saltbox@gmail.com or phone 07798 844087).

TRAINING

We recently held Dressage Test Riding on grass with Rockey Massey at Springfield Farm, nr Offwell on 13th May 2018 and the feedback has been very positive. Everyone found it very useful and this was ideal preparation before the Area Horse Trials.

Further training will be arranged in due course so keep checking your emails or our Facebook page.

TEAMS

We have had lots of team events since the last newsletter. Below is a quick report on how our club members did at the following events.

Winter Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier

This was held on Sunday 10th February 2018 at Kings Sedgemoor Equestrian Centre. We had one Senior Novice non qualifying team consisting of Julie Wright (Bill Bailey), Joanna Lee (Il Marinaio) and Katie House (Shutterduck). Unfortunately the team were not placed but Julie did a lovely double clear.

FOTH Eventers Challenge Qualifier

This was held on Sunday 25th February 2018 at Pontispool. Results as follows.

Senior 100 Team – Cameron Beer (Fontys Fool), Immy Carter (Ardo Z), George Bolt (Master Liam) and Cheryl Beer (Madam Butterfly). The team finished in 1st place, which qualifies them for the Championships at Aston Le Walls. Individually Cameron was 2nd, Immy was 4th, George was 5th and Cheryl was 7th. We also had Holly Bluck competing as an individual and she finished in 3rd place. Congratulations to all!

Senior 90 Team – Stars – Dani Wills (Greathills Tuscan Amoretto), Helen Springett (Midnight Ruby), Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Leemskin) and Ann-Marie Richards (Prince Milo JJ The Second). The team finished in 4th place and individually Dani was 7th. Well done.

Senior 90 Team – Stripes – Nicky Bywood (Tiger Lilli), Cheryl Beer (A Dazzling Turn), Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippity Hoy) and Jaz Reeves (The Holyman). The team finished in 5th place and individually Nicky was 1st! Congratulations!

Senior 80 Team – Yas Carter (Kirby), Joanna Lee (Il Marinaio), Erica Pearce (Justin All Fools Day) and Dani Wills (Greathills Sahara). The team finished in 5th and we also had Annie Reeves (Joker) riding as an individual.

Unfortunately we did not have any Juniors come forward for this event.

FOTH Combined Training Qualifier

This was held on Saturday 11th March 2018 at Pontispool. Results as follows.

Senior Stripes – Mille Pring (Nikita Thibergere), Joanna Lee (Il Marinaio), Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippity Hoy), Cheryl Beer (A Dazzling Turn). They all put in a great performance to finish 2nd in the qualifier. Individually Millie won her arena, Cheryl was 4th in her arena, Mercedes was 6th and Jo was 8th.

Senior Stars – Rachel Nice (Monty), Nicky Bywood (Tiger Lilli) and Cheryl Beer (Madame Butterfly). They finished in 6th place in the Qualifier and individually Nicky was 2nd and Cheryl was 4th.

Senior Swirls – Annie Reeves (Joker), Karen Pattison (Queen Beatrix), Jaz Reeves (The Holyman) and Ann-Marie Richards (Prince Milo JJ The Second). Unfortunately they were out of the placings but individually Annie was 9th.

Senior Zigzags – Julie Wright (Bill Bailey), Dani Wills (Greathills Tuscan Amoretto) and Erica Pearce (Justin All Fools Day). They were a non-qualifying team and finished just outside the placings but individually Julie finished in 5th place.

Juniors – we had a team consisting of Alaya Arden (Dowhills Stan The Man), Emily Taylor (Newtown Caesar), Anna Stillwell (Rosstown Hero) and Ella Humphreys (Summerbridge Tip). They all rode brilliantly and the team won the qualifier which is fantastic! This means they have qualified for the Festival of The Horse Championships!

Individually Emily and Anna won their arenas and Alaya and Ella were 2nd in their arenas.

Well done to everyone who competed and represented the club.

Intermediate Winter Championships

The Intermediate Winter Championships were held from the 27 – 29 April 2018 at Bury Farm. We had one Junior, Scarlett John, representing the club in an Area 12 team. Scarlett was competing in the Elementary Dressage Championship and came 2nd! What a fantastic result - Congratulations!

Festival of the Horse Championships

The Festival of the Horse Championship is being held on the 19th – 20th May 2018 at Aston-Le-Walls. We are lucky to be sending a Senior 100 Eventers Challenge team which consists of Cameron Beer (Fontys Fool), Immy Carter (Ardo Z), George Bolt (Master Liam) and Cheryl Beer (Madam Butterfly). We also have Nicky Bywood (Tiger Lilli) competing as an individual in the 90.

In the Combined Training Championship we have Joanna Lee (Il Marinaio), Millie Pring (Nikita Thibergere), Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippity Hoy) and Nicky Bywood (Tiger Lilli).

We wish them all the very best of luck!

Our Junior Combined Training team also qualified for the Championships but unfortunately were unable to go.

Dressage to Music Qualifier

Unfortunately Area 12 are not running a qualifier for the Dressage to Music this year. Instead we were invited to join Area 19's qualifier at St Leonards Equestrian Centre on 12th May 2018. We had Millie Pring (Nikita Thibergere) representing the club and they put in a fantastic performance to win their qualifier. Congratulations!

Horse Trials Qualifier

This is being hosted by ourselves and will be held at Bicton Arena on Sunday 10th June 2018. There will be Senior and Junior 80, 90, 100 and 100+ teams and individuals. The majority of teams have been pulled together now as prelim entries close soon.

Summer Showjumping Qualifier

This is being held on the 8th July 2018 at Kings Sedgemoor EC. There are classes for Senior and Junior Novice SJ (80cm), Intermediate SJ (95cm) and Open (1.10cm) and also Style Jumping.

Summer Dressage Qualifier

This is being held on 21st July 2018 at Aldon, Yeovil. There will be Senior and Junior Prelim and Open Dressage, Prelim and Novice Riding Test and Pairs Dressage. Schedules are on the Area 12 website – www.brca12.org.uk .

Both the showjumping and dressage will have a qualifier for the South Wales and West of England Riding Club Championship as well as the National Championships at Lincoln. The new Championship will be held at Hartpury on 18th August 2018 and you can only compete in one qualifier. Please let your team co-ordinator know which qualifier you wish to do.

If you are interested in being on a team for any of these forthcoming 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.

CAMP – 12th – 15th July 2018

Not long to go now! You should all have received and returned your forms to Jo Lee by now! Don't forget to return your instalments in good time! There may be a few spaces left for camp – if you are interested please contact Jo Lee as soon as possible on joannalee83@hotmail.com or 07967 789661.